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PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and five. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper published at South Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, on the third Tuesday of April, A. D. 1905, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

ALBION E. BRADBURY, late of Canton, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of Byron C. Waite or some other suitable person as administrator with the will annexed presented by Albert K. Foster of Canton.

MARTHA R. DOE, late of Paris, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by Loren B. Merrill, the executor therein named.

JOSEPH F. STEARNS, late of Lovell, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by Ellen R. Stearns, the executrix therein named.

PETER N. HASKELL, late of Waterford, deceased; first account presented for allowance by Joseph B. Haskell, executor.

MARGUERITE W. GREEN and MELVILLE W. GREEN, minors; petition for license to sell and convey real estate presented by Ella M. Burnham, formerly Ella M. Green, guardian.

ALFRED SHATTUCK, late of Norway, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by Albert J. Stearns and James L. Partridge, executors therein named.

JOHN N. DENNEN, late of Oxford, deceased; petition for license to sell and convey real estate presented by W. W. Dennen, administrator de bonis non, &c., will annexed.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.

A true copy—Attest:

ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of

HANNAH B. MORTON, late of Paris, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Mar. 21st, 1905. N. DAYTON BOLSTER.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of

JOHN H. SHAW, late of Fryeburg, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Mar. 21st, 1905. GEORGE G. PLUMMER.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of

ALDEN CHASE, late of Woodstock, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Mar. 21st, 1905. A. MONT. CHASE.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of

THOMAS L. FOSTER, late of Sumner, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Mar. 21st, 1905. GEORGE B. FOSTER.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed executrix of the last will and testament of

AUGUSTUS PARSONS, late of Canton, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Mar. 21st, 1905. LOVINA C. PARSONS.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of

FRANK M COLE, late of Woodstock, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Mar. 21st, 1905. JAMES S. WRIGHT.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of

LIVA L. MARSH, late of Dixfield, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Mar. 21st, 1905. ROY F. GAMMON.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of

ADNA B. THAYER, late of Oxford, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Mar. 21st, 1905. ETHEL B. THAYER.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed administratrix de bonis non c. t. a. of the estate of

MARY S. GRAY, late of Denmark, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Mar. 21st, 1905. LIZZIE H. PENDEXTER.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of

JOSEPH A. ARNOLD, late of Peru, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Mar. 21st, 1905. WILLARD S. ARNOLD.

AMONG THE FARMERS.

"SPEED THE PLOW."

Correspondence on practical agricultural topics is solicited. Address all communications intended for this department to HENRY D. HAMMOND, Agricultural Editor Oxford Democrat, Paris, Me.

General Farming.

Fifty years ago muscle was the chief requisite to successful farming. To-day it requires intellect of high order to cope with the many intricate problems that confront the average farmer. Our fathers could raise ordinary crops, or cattle at a fair profit; labor was cheap, land new and Western competition in its infancy. To-day we are dealing with fractions. The finest animals and the best products are what the markets demand. The skilled labor needed to produce them can be obtained only at a premium, if at all.

The development of the Mississippi valley, of Texas and the great prairies of the West, with the cheap rates of transportation, have brought their products into direct competition with New England. Our advantage rests with the fact that we can deliver fresh goods of superior quality on short notice.

Success in agriculture is not dependent upon one line of work. Location, natural conditions and our individual tastes should be our guide. In Maine we find potatoes, dairying, fruit growing, and poultry raising are some of the leading industries.

To the small farmer, remote from railroad, we recommend the breeding and raising of sheep, the production and growth of steers, the breeding and training of colts, the manufacture of maple sugar, the growth and care of the forests and the summer boarding industry.

Sheep husbandry on the great lands of the West is lessening year by year. As that land is being taken for agricultural purposes, its price has advanced and the free use of large government tracts can no longer be obtained, hence the number of sheep kept has been decreasing while the demand for wool and lambs has been increasing. Wool has doubled in value since 1895, and lambs are no longer a drug upon the market. The farmer of to-day that will purchase a small flock of good grade sheep with as good a male as he can obtain, will find that with good care and a small expenditure of money he can derive returns second to those from no other farm animal.

The West also claims the beef industry, and while we do not wish to dispute their title, we believe that the Hereford, Devon or Durham calf can be grown from the products of the farm at a fair profit. There is a local demand if we but watch the markets and supply the emergency. The slow, steady going ox team, with its inexpensive outfit, can still accomplish valuable service on the farm and without grinding away the best scoffolds of hay or devouring large rations of grain, or becoming worthless with old age and broken bones as does the horse. They always bring a fair return at the butcher's block. Again location, soil and quality favor New England.

The displacement of the horse-cars by the electrics, the coming of the bicycle and automobile, the quick and cheap transportation from Canada and the West have had a telling effect upon New England's horse industry. The all round Morgan horse of our fathers has become a luxury. The nervy little race horse has been bred in its place. The Morgan, French Coach or larger breeds of horses are growing more scarce each year, and he who can supply this demand for the next ten years from his own farm products will find a ready market at an increased price.

Of all the trees of the forests, many and varied as they are here in New England, what, I ask of you, furnishes a luxury more gratifying to the taste or pleasing to the eye than the rock maple? Her broad spreading branches with their serrated leaves when touched by the frost king's icy fingers are changed to scarlet, gold and gray. The polished bird's-eye maple finish is unsurpassed. In March and April the farmer can gather his harvest of sugar without a great outlay for equipment. Evaporators, tin buckets, vats and spouts are used in most sections in the making of the best qualities of maple sugar. A three-eighths-inch bit used to the depth of from 3 to 4 inches with one spout to the bucket should give from two to three pounds of sugar each year, and with syrup at a dollar per gallon and cakes of dry sugar at 12 cents per pound a good profit can be obtained at that season of the year when other farm operations are slack.

Forestry in a state where about two-thirds is classed as woodland, where more acres are uncultivated than were fifty years ago, seems to many a crazy notion, but stop and think of the millions of dollars' worth of wood products used annually in the United States and that the demand is rapidly increasing each year because of the increased individual wants and the increase of population. The steady advance in the price of lumber of all kinds for the past ten years has tempted the land owner beyond endurance. Fires, portable mills and the love of money are the great agencies that are girdling the forest trees. Eight hundred and thirty-eight lumber mills in Maine tell the story of their slaughter. Man has the power to destroy but with all his skill and ingenuity he cannot reproduce one. Can we not as farmers by carefully selecting our supply and by using a few extra hours in trimming and thinning, improve their condition as well as ours?

The sea-shore and the mountain, the lake and the hill-top, all have their admirers, and each year finds New England farm homes in greater demand. The thousands of summer homes that are being erected add permanency and taxable property. A demand for farm products, for labor, teams and building material follow in their wake. Intelligence, thrift and enterprise are inspired by their presence. Plain wholesome food, such as your farms produce, with fresh milk, butter, eggs, vegetables and fruit are what they desire, and they are willing to pay for them. Will it not pay to encourage their coming by building better roads, by advertising our attractions, and by welcoming them? With your three hundred miles of sea-shore, and your hundreds of inland ponds, with your pleasant homes and fertile fields, Maine has a vast stock in trade to supply their every want.

My purpose in discussing general farming is simply to show that our boys and girls can select almost any line of work I have mentioned and succeed, that they are not obliged to go West to farm, nor to the city to enjoy life, but right here in Maine in their own town the opportunity is offered for those that will. For it is the man and not his environments that tells the story of his success or failure.—Chas. B. Hoyt, Sandwich, N. H., in Department Bulletin.

The great corn States of the interior are studying corn, and one means of improvement is through the selection of seed. It may be too late now to make that rigid selection that was possible at the husking time, but now is just the time to test the germinating qualities of the seed. Think how many crops of sweet corn have been lost from planting bad seed! Can you afford it?—Maine Farmer.

The high price of butter begins to let go its hold under the influence of the approach of the season of increase in the make. Nevertheless buttermakers have had a pretty good run under the high prices of this latter half of the winter.

Does the old farm look any better than it did a year ago? You have not failed then, no matter if you have not put a great deal in the stocking.

Outlook for Orcharding.

H. W. Collingwood of the Rural New Yorker is always hopeful. He addresses the fruit growers of Connecticut at the annual meeting of their association as follows:

I am not a prophet, so I am not going to try to tell how the fruit grower is to carry on his business fifty years from now. But it is easy to see that great changes are being made. I remember that on my father's farm were perhaps sixteen trees, butchered instead of trimmed. The core and parings were strained for cider, the rest was dried in the sun. From these humble beginnings our present fruit trade has grown. The future in the market looks bright. Twenty years ago I could not find an apple in Savannah. Six weeks ago I found on every fruit stand as many apples as bananas or oranges. Shipments from the North were advertised. That is one of the most hopeful signs I've seen in the trade.

The question now is to bring out undeveloped possibilities of the apple business. What sort of an apple will people call for in the future? In New England States the Baldwin is most worthy. We will learn more about suiting to localities. The rage has been for a red apple. The Russets and Greenings are coming back. I think the demand for a smaller apple is growing. We've got to have an apple we can carry in our pockets.

I expect to see an adjustment of orchard lands. We shall go back to the rougher hill lands leaving the valleys to gardening. I expect to see apple growing leave Western New York for rougher land. Lands far from seaboard at a high value will not compete with near lands worth little. Apple culture will climb up hill. My farm is located on a ridge and I expect to sink wells on the ridge and let water trickle down the sides, thus supporting both alfalfa and trees.

The old high headed orchards are out of date. Low headed trees are easier to spray, easier to harvest and prune, and do not catch the wind. Some object that the fruit is too near the ground and fails to grow properly. This is not true on hillsides.

Now as to the market. That question comforts a man who thinks of planting an orchard. In New York City there are over 2,000,000 people of foreign parentage. Now these people are not natually fruit eaters, but with them the apples are the favorites. Those people won't be satisfied all their lives with rotten apples. They will be our best customers.

The foreign markets have always been neglected in this country. There is one of the best markets for apples. Few people understand the foreign market. Last year of $18,000,000 worth of exported fruit, $8,000,000 was apples. Total of corn was $25,000,000; anthracite coal, $11,000,000: cotton, $19,000,000. The papers are full of words about increasing cotton goods exports, but hardly a word about fruit. What a noise about the paper, butter, cheese, boots and shoes, all much smaller than fruit. The fruit trade and especially apple trade is still young and we have in New England almost a monopoly in the best hands.

The bushel box with yielding trade is best package in home trade, barrel in foreign. I think the time has come when small paste-board packages might be used. The parcels post, which is sure to come, will make a difference with small packages. In France the parcels post is used for eggs, butter, etc. This it direct from producer to consumer. The people who are now opposing the parcels post will find that it is bound to come. It will make the producers nearer the market. It will mean a chance for the little men.

I am optimistic of the future. I believe that the hill lands of New England will be the homes of the people. During the past generation the New England farmer has been under a fit of depression, now the time of sunshine and hope has come. We can't go back and start in as boys again, but we can leave a legacy of hope that the New England farm is coming back to its own again.

Large Crops of Grass.

I was much interested in the brief report of Mr. Schwenk's success with the grass crop, as given in the New England Farmer, March 4. There are several points worth noting as contributors to this sucess: Ground well manured with crop of corn or potatoes; then in autumn as early as possible fitting the land in the best possible manner so as to make a fine mellow soil on which a liberal amount of grass seed, such as he prefers, is sown. The next spring 300 pounds of commercial fertilizers suitable for grass is sown, and afterwards for five or six years the practice is continued, and as the result during this period three to four tons of hay to the acre is secured. There is no doubt but this can be done on naturally good grass land under like conditions to those given.

The first idea is to have the land in suitable condition to commence with, and then after securing a good sward from the seeding to stimulate it to immediate and large productiveness by the annual application of fertilizers.

Here is a point worthy of notice: It is much easier keeping a field thus prepared in productive condition with this treatment than it is to bring up one that is run out, even with larger applications.

A field on which the grass has become run out should be plowed, fertilized and reseeded; then keep in productive condition with these annual spring applications of fertilizers in moderate quantities.

Where manure is used for this purpose the same rule will apply only that it had better be applied in autumn or winter, but a moderate amount each year is better than a single large one.

Some years ago the writer tried this method to some extent on a grass field of several acres. I think it was the second year after seeding an application of only 100 pounds standard superphosphate to the acre was sown in early spring. The result was highly satisfactory. It was estimated that one-half a ton of hay extra to the acre was obtained from the use of this 100 pounds of fertilizer.

I think this method was followed for four years with equally good results, when it became necessary to plow, devote to other crops and again seed to grass. This was a soil that was strong, hard and a little moist, difficult to cultivate but good for grass.

With a rotation now much practiced where the land is only in grass for three years at a time before being devoted to other crops, there should be profitable yields of hay obtained and of better quality than when a longer rotation is followed. We find this to be the case and at the same time the farm should be increasing in fertility.—E. R. Towle, Enosburg Falls, Vt., in New England Farmer.

At the risk of wearying our readers with a much discussed topic we cannot resist the temptation of saying another word on the subject of the ravages of the brown tailed moth and the necessity of prompt action on the part of each and every individual. It is idle for men to argue that this pest has been in England for hundreds of years and is making no perceptible onslaught on agricultural progress and success. In the first place it is questionable if England has had this pest for any considerable number of years, and then on the other hand agricultural conditions are entirely different abroad and in this country. The best judges, those who have had the best opportunity to study the matter, are very postive that no pest that has ever invaded this country is for a moment to be compared with this with which we are now dealing.—Turf, Farm and Home.

An advantage not to be lost sight of by horse owners is that a good horse need not lack for a purchaser at a fair price in season or out of season, but the scrub must often be held till his head is eaten off.—Maine Farmer.

In the Matter Of Elizabeth

By S. T. STERN

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There were two Elizabeth Langhams. For fifteen years they had lived almost side by side, and neither of them had learned of the other's existence. Three hundred feet of metropolitan space and several hundred thousand dollars separated them socially and completely. The elder Miss Langham resided near the middle of the block in a plutocratic white stone mansion. At the corner of the same street in a modest flat house lived the other Elizabeth.

Though neither of them was aware of the circumstances, these two possessed one link in common. His parents knew him as James Carruthers. His clients and professional friends called him Jack, the counselor. Miss Langham knew him as her oldest and, he hoped, her best friend. Elizabeth Langham knew him as her employer.

Elizabeth Langham often wondered that Jim had selected her from two dozen applicants for the position of stenographer in his legal establishment. A callow graduate from a business college, she had hardly hoped to gain acceptance over a score of experienced typists. The true reason—her name—she never guessed. Still Jim had no reason to regret his choice. Miss Elizabeth was neat, pretty and bright. Jim dictated to her daily, and she transcribed without an error.

Not so Miss Langham, the focus of fifty bachelor aspirations. Jim tried dictation there only once.

"Mr. Carruthers," said Miss Langham coldly, "you are taking a mean advantage of our friendship. You have no right to criticise my other friends. I am proud to number Judge Newton among my friends."

"But he's fifty if he's a day," Jim persisted.

"So shall you be, Mr. Carruthers—some day. Good night."

There were tears after Jim had taken his departure, but that Jim did not know. He did know, however, that Miss Langham had dismissed him, and he sorrowed accordingly.

"It's that fellow, Colonel Newton," he mused. "Since they've elected him a judge Elizabeth has been indifferent to me. Mrs. Judge Newton evidently sounds better to her young ears than plain Mrs. Jimmy Carruthers." So he floundered homeward in the slush of a winter evening and nursed his first great sorrow.

Sorrow maketh a sympathizer. Jimmy, blue and hopeless, became humanitarian in a week. One morning when his stenographer, Miss Elizabeth, showed him a court summons which had been served upon her, demanding that she pay the sum of $250 forthwith or suffer the entry of judgment for that amount, Jimmy simply radiated consolation. "Who is this Mme. Nellie who is suing you?"

"I never heard of her," was the response.

Jim scanned the papers closely. "Mme. Nellie," he said after he had finished, "seems to be the trade name of a being whose Christian appellation is Michael O'Malley. He says you ordered one blue dress of the value of $250. He swears that you have refused to accept it, and he sues accordingly."

"There must be some mistake. I never ordered a dress one-fourth as expensive as that. Nor have I ever laid eyes on Mme. Nellie."

"Where do you live?" he inquired. Her reply astonished him. "No. — Sixth avenue."

"Is that near Forty-seventh street?"

"It is on the corner. The side street is very fashionable. This summons must be intended for some wealthy woman near by who doesn't pay her bills."

When Jim saw that the papers were signed in the name of the Hon. William Newton, justice, his mind was made up. He told his secretary to have no fear. He was happy to show his appreciation of her faithful and long continued service.

He took the case himself. His rival sat on his bench and glared savagely at him—at least that is Jimmy's report of the judicial attitude.

As it happened, Mme. Nellie was not present in the courtroom, having been detained elsewhere on jury duty. In his place he sent two of his assistants. One of them took the stand at once—a florid faced lady she was, who confessed amiably that she had been a dressmaker for twenty-one years and was approaching her thirtieth birthday. "It's this way, judge, yer honor," she testified glibly. "Mme. Nellie sent the dress, and she sent it back, saying it didn't fit. I didn't have nothing to do with it, but the lady in our house as did has assured me that it fitted to perfection. Mme. Nellie says Miss Langham should be compelled to pay."

At this point Jim felt called upon to explain matters. "You see," he started to say, "they've got the wrong"—

Judge Newton waved him aside. "The issue in this case is simple. Does the gown fit? That is all. I would like to ask Miss Langham a question or two. Take the stand, miss."

Miss Langham did so.

"What is your name?"

"Elizabeth Langham."

"Where do you live?"

"No. — Sixth avenue."

"You may retire to my private chamber and don the dress. The plaintiff's experts will accompany you."

Miss Langham commenced to weep. "If you please, Judge Newton," she stammered.

"Do as I say," he responded testily. "The court will judge for itself."

Five minutes later Miss Langham re-entered the courtroom clad in the gown under dispute. Mme. Nellie's expert beamed with satisfaction as she addressed the court. "You can see for yourself, judge, yer honor. It fits without a wrinkle."

"I should call that an amazingly good fit," said Judge Newton, frowning, adding by the way of judicial concession, "and mightily becoming. It fits, doesn't it?"

"Y-e-s," said Miss Langham, "but"—

"That's all. Judgment for Mme. Nellie for the full amount."

Once more Jim rose from his chair. "Won't you permit me to say a few words? There has been a mistake."

"There has not, Mr. Carruthers, unless it be your own in endeavoring to defend a case in which the evidence is so palpably in favor of the other side."

On the way back to the office Jim consoled his client. He promised to appeal the case to the highest court in the country.

In his heart he knew that the case of Mme. Nellie versus Miss Elizabeth Langham would never be heard in court again.

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When Miss Elizabeth Langham emerged from her coupe at 6 o'clock that evening she found her household in an uproar. Mathilde, her maid, was almost breathless. "If you please, ma'am," she gasped, "there's a man in the parlor—a sheriff or something, and he's been holding the best peach-blow vase these two hours. I sent for the police. The police says he can't do nothing. He told the man to wait. There he is now, ma'am, sitting on the best gilt chair, with the vase in his hand, ma'am."

The intruder advanced as Miss Langham entered the parlor. Yes, he was a deputy. There was a judgment against Elizabeth Langham in favor of Mme. Nellie. Didn't she remember the dress she ordered from Mme. Nellie?

"But I sent it back. It did not fit."

"Of course," said he suavely, "that may have been the defense. A judgment is a judgment, however. Will you pay up or shall I make a levy?" he added, casting longing glances at the vase.

"This shall not go unpunished. It is an outrage," said Miss Langham indignantly. "Wait until I ring up my friend, Judge Newton."

"Your friend?" The deputy laughed.

"You will receive instructions from him."

"I have received 'em already. It was Judge Newton that entered the judgment against you. Here are the papers. This is his own writing."

One glance satisfied Miss Langham. She bade Mathilde bring her check book. "I'll pay," she said. "In the meantime you may release that vase. It is hardly a tea store souvenir."

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That same evening James Carruthers sat in his den, reading Dante's "Inferno." He had finished "The Sorrows of Werther" the day before. At his elbow, still to be perused, lay "The Joy of Living."

The telephone bell jangled twice, but he did not hear. At the third call he rose from his chair. A moment later the volume went speeding on its way across the room.

This is Jim's end of the conversation that followed:

"Represent you in the matter? Gladly. Paid it, you say? Tried to take—oh, my! Newton? Beastly impudence! Called tonight after all that happened? You treated him right. Yes, d-e-a-r-l-e. In ten minutes."

The next morning Jim informed his stenographer gleefully that the Mme. Nellie matter was settled out of court and that she might retain the dress as a gift. Later he called upon the deputy sheriff.

"I am sorry, counselor," said the official, "that duty compelled me to go against your client. Funny thing how we collected it. I found the defendant resided at — Sixth avenue. I saw it in the court record. She said so. Those are flats and, says I, that judgment ain't no good. Afterward some one rings this office up and tells me the defendant didn't live there at all. Says she was a swell and lived around the corner in Fifty-seventh street. He was right too. She paid up like a lamb. I wonder who it was that tipped us off? We got the money all right. But, say, a guy that'll give away a lady like that is as mean as dirt. Eh, Jim?"

"Well, that depends," replied Jim, "upon the motive."

Henry Clay as a Twine Splicer.

It has been said that Henry Clay achieved success so easily that he quite misunderstood others and overestimated himself. But he was eager to learn the best way to do whatever he had to do. In "The True Henry Clay" the author gives an instance of this:

At fourteen Henry became clerk in a store in Richmond, whither the family had removed. Stories are told of his willingness to do his duty, although the work was distasteful to him.

Once he was reproved by the storekeeper for wasting too much twine. Thereafter he saved every scrap he could get and tied the pieces together. Again it was explained that using this sort of twine might be offensive to the customers, as it made the package look untidy by reason of too many knots. So he consulted with a sailor at Richmond, who showed him how to splice strings with a smooth joint.

From that time he spent his leisure hours making short pieces of twine of the same size into a continuous cord. When his employer discovered this he was so much pleased that he had all twine saved and turned the task of splicing it over to young Henry, with the result that the young man's enthusiasm rapidly abated.

Heroism Rewarded.

Years ago a vessel was wrecked off the northwest coast of Ireland. Crowds gathered on the beach to witness the scene. A few brave men came forward and put out to the sinking vessel. As they came back to the shore with their burden of human lives the watchers cried: "Have you got them all? Are they all saved?" "Yes," was the answer, "all but one. If we had stayed for him all would have been lost." Instantly a stalwart fellow stepped out from the crowd and called for volunteers. The mother begged the young man not to go, saying: "Your father was lost at sea; your brother William sailed away, and we have never heard from him. If you go my all will be lost." Embracing her, he said, "I must go." In a short time he was seen returning. "Have you got your man?" cried the watchers. "Yes," was the reply, "and tell mother it is brother William."

The Original Lovers' Leap.

Sappho's Leap was the name given to a white cliff or promontory anciently called Leucadia, now Cape Ducato, at the southern extremity of Santa Maura, one of the Ionian islands. It was so called because Sappho, the poetess, is reported to have thrown herself from this height into the sea. A criminal, with birds attached to him to break his fall, was thrown from the cliff at the annual festival of Apollo, and if he reached the water unhurt he was picked up by boats placed there for that purpose. This is the rock from which, according to the story, lovers throw themselves in order to be free from the pangs of love.

Three Things Desired.

As a result of observation and reflection during a long life touching public men and measures in wide variety I would desire for my country three things above all others to supplement American civilization: From Great Britain, her administration of criminal justice; from Germany, her theater, and from any or every European country save Russia, Spain and Turkey, its government of cities.—Andrew D. White in Century.

Three Roses and Another

By JOANNA SINGLE

Dr. John Dunham knew what he did not want. He could also instantly recognize what he did want when he saw it. These traits had been of use to him in working his way through college, through medical school after that and into a flourishing practice now two years old.

In love as in business it was the same, only the girls he had thus far met were undoubtedly the ones he did not want. Dr. John's black gray eyes were always on the silent quest of an unknown girl the thought of whom he linked with the thought of roses. She did not appear. He was thirty-two and beginning to think he had missed her and was deciding to devote his spare time entirely to rose culture when the no longer expected happened.

In September he went, with a colleague, Frederick Mayne, M. D., to a medical convention in St. Louis. Seated at the formal banquet, he looked up, just across the table, at her! And then he seemed to have always known that she was small and blond, with the sweet delicacy of a pink tea rose, that her head was poised like a flower and that breeding and courage showed in every feature and gesture.

Instantly the thought of her as his mounted to his head like wine, and his look met hers with an intensity that made her eyes droop. He turned coolly to Mayne beside him and said in a low tone:

"Look carefully at this ring on my finger, and don't glare up. I want to ask a question. Who is she?"

Strangely enough, Mayne knew who "she" was.

"Dean Carroll's daughter, Rose," he replied. Then as they both looked up carelessly he continued, "I may as well tell you that I shall try to get her." Choking back a senseless anger, trying to realize that Mayne had as good a right to want her as he, Dunham answered quietly:

"And I may as well tell you that you have me to work against. I shall do my best."

At the reception following John Dunham accosted his old professor, Dean Carroll, shook hands and asked:

"Doctor, please introduce me to your daughter."

"Certainly, my boy—with pleasure. But"—and the old man laughed—"I warn you!"

"It's everlastingly too late, doctor. All I ask of you is not to tell her I wanted to meet her and—not to praise me to her." The serious eyes of the young man checked the old man's smile.

"Upon my soul! I believe you're in earnest!"

"I warn you that I am." Dean Carroll looked Dr. John Dunham over carefully from head to foot. Then he held out his hands.

"I wish you luck," he said slowly. "You're as open now as you were during the four years I knew you at college and in your success since. Your tactics are worthy of a general and victory. Come along. But perhaps you'd like me first to suggest to her that you're a dangerous character?" John laughed contentedly.

"Better that than encomiums."

Rose Carroll met her father's old pupil none the less graciously because he was tall and strong and because the heavy, dark hair framing his handsome face was touched with gray. In fact, he was so interesting that she met him with an armor of protective resistance beneath her graciousness. She was used to easy victories over her admirers, but not anxious, though she was on the alert, for her own Waterloo. There was time enough for that.

John began well. While deferential, he was not adoring; while entirely appreciative, he was not insistent in his enjoyment of her society, which he accepted with a sort of seemingly transient spirit of camaraderie that piqued her a little. Several times during the evening he drifted carelessly back near her and watched with amusement Mayne's breakneck endeavor to make use of his time to impress his rather ponderous personality upon the girl. Dunham asked permission to call next day.

He did call and was carelessly entertaining. He let himself go, showing his real self, speaking of his youthful adventures in the west, of his roses at home and leaving a sort of an impression that he was a man into whose life women had entered little and that they were to him a sort of pleasant relaxation from workaday cares.

Rose found herself putting forth unusual efforts to please this man, who was not, as others, apparently in the least subjugated by her charms. He did not stay long, but as he arose to go he unwrapped a long, slender parcel he had been holding, crushed the tissue paper in his fingers and put one perfect white rose into her hand. He laughed down into her eyes.

"I wanted to give you a red one, only"— The significance of his tone and his hesitation made her rise to his throw.

"Only you didn't dare!" she finished for him.

"Oh, I dared," he replied coolly, "but I thought I wouldn't—yet! The best for the last, you know!" And he left her trying to decide whether he meant anything or nothing. As he went out he met Mayne entering with a large florist's box, and during his call he had learned that she was leaving the next day for home. When he reached his office he looked up the northbound trains.

Next morning, at 7:55 he walked up to the station. Just around the corner on the platform he saw Rose Carroll smiling at Mayne, who carried her suit case and a great bunch of pink carnations. Before they saw him he stepped back into the waiting room, bought a ticket to the next town north and kept out of sight until the train came in. He swung on the rear platform, while Mayne, triumphant in his moment of favor, put the lady into a seat and bestowed her luggage about her. As the train pulled out Dunham looked from his window in the smoker and beheld the idiotically adoring face of Mayne, who was waving his farewell.

When he had smoked a long black cigar John Dunham sauntered into the next car. About the middle of the aisle he stopped suddenly at a quick exclamation:

"Why, Mr. Dunham!"

He looked down and saw, with apparent surprise, Rose Carroll, blushing and smiling. He removed his hat, but made no effort to take the seat which she had cleared for him beside her.

"Miss Carroll! So this is your train—how pleasant! Lovely day, isn't it?"

"Won't you sit down?" she asked, a little timidly. And he did and went on talking so carelessly and yet so meaningly, so brightly and still so seriously, that it seemed to her but a moment or two before he looked from the window and stood up. Drawing a slender parcel from his pocket, he unwrapped a single, long stemmed pink rose.

"I must get off here in order to get back to an important case with your father. I only got on to tell you goodby. Didn't want to interfere with Mayne at the station. I can't compete with this floral generosity," and he laid the rose in her lap, "but this is to remind you that some day I shall bring you that red rose." He was gone, without touching her hand in farewell. She sat gasping—pleased, astonished, half angry, but completely interested. She looked at the pink rose. Then she tossed the carnations from the window and wondered how in the world John Dunham had managed to obtain her promise to answer his letters.

Thereafter Dunham wrote her—not regularly, but when the fancy seemed to seize him—whimsical, vigorous, joyful, masculine letters, wholesomely free from all lovemaking. She answered, and sometimes when he was very busy he called her up on the long distance phone in lieu of a letter. Meantime Mayne had sent bushels of flowers, had written ponderously sentimental epistles and heaved many ponderous sighs. Twice he had gone to see his divinity, and on his last call her lack of interest in his elaborate mention of Dunham raised suspicion in his slow but relentlessly logical mind. On his return he sauntered into Dunham's office.

"Morning, old man."

"Morning, Mayne. Enjoy your visit?" How the deuce did Dunham know he'd been away? Mayne hazarded a guess.

"Yes, called on Miss Carroll. Write to her, don't you?" Taken off guard, Dunham admitted the soft impeachment and was instantly sorry. Mayne laughed with unctuous amusement.

"Thought you were too astute for that. Bet she's got you going—has me! Stringing you for all she's worth! Practiced hand! Great girl—no end popular. Knows how to do it, Miss Carroll." Dunham's anger rose, but he answered carelessly:

"Look to yourself, Mayne. Guess I can take care of Johnny." But after Mayne went the tide of his anger surged toward Rose Carroll. When he could stand it no longer he went to the phone, closing the door of the inner office, and called up St. Louis and Miss Carroll. After an hour's delay he got her and went straight to the point.

"That you, Miss Carroll? Know who this is? Yes! Lovely spring day! I want to ask you something. Forgive my bluntness, but I must know. Miss Carroll, in your letters and all have you meant everything or have you been playing with me?" A long pause, while he listened intently.

"No, I did not think so—I simply asked. I have not the time nor the temper to play. You will forgive me for asking you? No, I can't tell you what made me think of such a thing. Yes, some day I will. Certainly I believe you! What? May I? May I come this week? Of course I want to! But I can't reach you till Saturday evening and will have to start back Sunday morning. It's a long way, and connections are bad. All right—goodby—till Saturday!"

At 4 in the afternoon of June 1 John Dunham stepped from his train at St. Louis and went to a hotel to get rid of his travel stains and appease his hunger.

About 7 he emerged faultlessly attired, visited a florist and took a cab to Dean Carroll's stately old home.

Rose came to him in the dim candlelight of the library, a vision in shimmering gray. He had intended meeting her in his usual easy way, but the clamor of his heart and the wine of a certain proud yielding in the glance of her blue eyes swept him into speechlessness. He stood long looking at her, her hand still in his. Then he dropped the small hand back at her side and strode out into the hall.

In a moment he came back and clasped her warm little fingers about the stem of a glowing red rose.

"The red rose," he said simply—"the time for it is now, isn't it?" he questioned quietly, stepping back with his arms straight at his side to look at her. "Isn't it time, dear?" he insisted.

"Yes," she murmured. "I"— And as she did not finish, with a sudden longing he held out both his hands to her. "Will you come, Rose?" With the pride of a small queen, Rose Carroll laid her two hands in his.

A Northern Venice.

The old city of Ghent, Belgium, is built on twenty-six islands, which are connected with one another by eighty bridges. Three hundred streets and thirty public squares are contained in these islands. Ghent is famous because Charles V. and John of Gaunt were born there. It has been the scene of many treaties, insurrections and revolts, and it was there the treaty was made terminating the war of 1812 between this country and England.

His Queer Question.

Mudge—What an aggravating habit Wickwire has of answering a question by asking another! Yabsley—I never noticed it. Mudge—Now, for instance, last night I asked him if he would lend me $10. He didn't say whether he could or not, but asked me if I took him for a fool.

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Here and There.

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions will take two weeks to decide whether it will accept Mr. Rockefeller's $100,000 gift. In all probability it will be accepted at the end of the two weeks, but meanwhile the contest will rage. Is Mr. Rockefeller at least presumptively innocent, or does he stand convicted in the judgment of the people of obtaining his great wealth by illegal or morally unjustifiable means? Is his money "tainted"? Does the end justify the means? Will "tainted" money do just as much good as that which is clean? Should "tainted" money be accepted for benevolent and Christian work? These are a few of the questions which enter into the discussion, and the agitation of them is not likely to do any serious harm unless it gets so heated that the Christian people engaged in it lose their temper.

In Massachusetts, where the legislature meets annually, they are considering the possibility of adjourning by the first of June. With a twelve weeks' session once in two years, Maine is better off.

Immigration into the United States for the month of February beats the record, and the March figures will foot up still larger. And somehow our feeling with regard to the fact is not one of unmixed pleasure. Time was, even within a generation, when we gloried in America as an asylum for the oppressed and downtrodden; but the glory seems to have faded.

Sir Hiram Maxim is quoted as saying that if a goose can fly a man should be able to. Yes, and if a fish can live under water, and a dog can follow a fox by the scent, and a ground hog can sleep all winter and come out fat in the spring, a man ought to be able to do the same things.

John's Letter.

Brother T. is a dear lover of pickled tripe, and he has a way of fitting it to please his palate peculiarly his own. We presume it is no secret process, and so we give it to the public. He takes a slab of tripe, wraps around it a strip of muslin, and puts it through the clothes-wringer. We never manipulated tripe in that manner, and cannot speak of the efficacy of the process. If he reports a success we may put our wringer to another use, squeezing the pickle from tripe.

Anything relating to Lincoln is of interest. In reading the life of William Cullen Bryant, I find that while crossing the prairies to his brother's plantation, whom he was going to visit, he encountered a company of volunteers who were moving south to take a part in what is commonly known as the Black Hawk war. They were led by a tall, awkward, uncouth lad, whose appearance particularly attracted Mr. Bryant's attention, and whose conversation delighted him by its breeziness and originality. He learned many years afterward, by one who belonged to the troop, that this captain of theirs was named Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Bryant little dreamed as he scanned the ungainly stripling any listened to his "unweeded jokes," that some thirty years later it would become his duty to present him to a New York audience, and his privilege to hear from those lips "the decisive word of the contest" which was to result in making this captain of volunteers for eight consecutive years president of the republic, the central figure of one of the most momentous wars that has ever yet been waged among men, and the signer of the proclamation that delivered over six millions of people from slavery.

The voice of the crow is heard in the land. We welcome the sound thereof about this time of the year. We can worry along without it about corn-sprouting time.

A few tramp robins appeared a week ago, on their way to Paris.

Gentlemen's day at Turner Grange April 1st. Fred was up to get us to help "beat the women." Beating the women means taking your hands out of your pockets and getting a move on. It isn't always a picnic.

Could you read aloud without a tremor some of the incidents in the Brockton horror? A vision comes up before me now of a young woman turning, just before the leap for life and safety, to look for the last time on the face of him who had saved her—himself he could not save. He smiled and waved his hand. The smile and the waving hand will follow her through life, a benediction and a blessing. Heroes were born and died there. There was one who stood in safety, but the voices called him back to certain death. If his soul was as spotted as the soul of Jim Bludso, "whose ghost went up on the smoke of the Pairie Belle," we accept as true the unpolished line of the poet:

"And Christ ain't goin' to be too hard
On a man who died for men."

JOHN.

The County Tax.

The county commissioners met last Tuesday and assessed the county tax for 1905. The rate is 1 86-100 mills on the valuation fixed by the state assessors, and the valuation and tax of the several towns are as follows:

	Valuation.	Tax.
Albany,	$ 139,976	$ 260.35
Andover,	252,508	432.46
Bethel,	872,580	1,623.00
Brownfield,	305,492	568.22
Buckfield,	402,939	749.46
Byron,	91,505	170.26
Canton,	309,737	576.11
Denmark,	304,831	567.00
Dixfield,	357,228	664.54
Fryeburg,	808,509	1,503.83
Gilead,	130,903	243.48
Grafton,	62,302	115.88
Greenwood,	170,906	317.88
Hanover,	81,446	151.50
Hartford,	263,241	489.63
Hebron,	223,185	415.12
Hiram,	351,339	653.50
Lovell,	399,160	743.44
Mason,	43,925	81.70
Mexico,	477,172	887.54
Newry,	130,177	242.13
Norway,	1,265,285	2,353.43
Oxford,	472,569	878.98
Paris,	1,372,498	2,552.84
Peru,	239,199	444.91
Porter,	239,736	445.92
Roxbury,	67,320	125.21
Rumford,	3,027,570	5,631.28
Stoneham,	105,048	195.39
Stow,	126,653	235.57
Sumner,	256,493	477.08
Swelen,	175,537	324.64
Upton,	107,162	199.32
Waterford,	305,096	567.37
Woodstock,	255,774	472.02
Milton Plantation,	61,437	114.27
Public lands, timber and grass,	68,260	126.92
	$16,177,450	$30,091.11

For State Senator.

Walter L. Gray of South Paris will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for state senator for Oxford County in 1906. Mr. Gray is well known in the county. He is a member of the law firm of Wilson & Gray. In the present legislature he is representative from the district composed of Paris, Buckfield and Milton Plantation, and has done good service on the legal affairs committee.

THE OXFORD BEARS.

THE DOINGS OF THE WEEK IN ALL SECTIONS OF THE COUNTY.

Paris Hill.

First Baptist Church, Rev. E. O. Taylor, pastor Preaching every Sunday at 10:45 A. M. Sunday School at 12 M. Sabbath Evening Service at 7:30 P. M. Y. P. S. C. E. Tuesday evening. Prayer Meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. Covenant Meeting the last Friday before the 1st Sunday of the month at 2:30 P. M. All not otherwise connected are cordially invited.

Universalist Church, Rev. J. H. Little, Pastor. Preaching service every Sunday at 10:45 A. M. Sunday School at 11:45 A. M.

Contractor Charles H. Adams of Norway has resumed work on Miss May's new house. The house was framed and boarded last fall and the work of completing it has now begun. Miss May has arrived from Boston to supervise the work.

H. L. Scribner has several carpenters making extensive alterations and improvements upon his residence.

Merle S. Goding of Almeda, California, a Hebron Academy student, is the guest of Wm. E. Atwood.

On Monday evening, March 27, the Baptist Sunday School met in Cummings Hall and gave a Penny March and Japanese tea. The hall was made very attractive with tables of plants, Japanese pictures, and a very daintily spread tea table. A fine programme was prepared by Mrs. Taylor, also a very interesting talk was given by her on Missions in Alaska. After the exercises, both young and old joined in the Penny march, the smallest child leading. The little boxes were opened as they marched and the pennies dropped into a Japanese basket. $10.70 was received. $8.00 was sent to Wood Island school in Alaska. A very dainty lunch served by four young ladies was much enjoyed by all. Much credit is due Mrs. Taylor for giving the Sunday School so pleasant an evening.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Maxim, who have spent the winter in Florida, expect to start for home this week, and will arrive home about the 15th.

There is an unclaimed letter at the post office for Mrs. J. E. Sullivan.

A recent number of the Cambridge (Mass.) Chronicle gives a very complimentary report of a concert given at Newtowne Hall in that city by Miss Eleanore S. Hayden, who is a frequent visitor at Paris Hill. Miss Hayden was assisted by the Hayden Mandolin Club, of which she is director, a reader, and vocal, violin and whistling soloists. Of Miss Hayden's numbers the Chronicle says: "Miss Hayden herself gave two numbers on the mandolin, and her mastery and skill in producing real music was such that she made her audience feel that they were listening to the mandolin for the first time. The beautiful flowers showered on her testified to the place she holds in the hearts of both pupils and friends."

April meeting of the directors of Paris Hill Library Association will be held with Miss F. A. Hammond Wednesday, April 5, at 3 P. M.

ANESTA EASTMAN, Clerk.

The Ladies' Universalist Sewing Circle will meet with Mrs. O. A. Thayer on Thursday afternoon at half past two.

Loren B. Merrill is visiting in Bangor.

Mrs. E. H. Jackson and Miss Mary Hubbard, who have been in Boston for the past three months or more, returned Saturday. They will remain at the Hubbard House two weeks before going to their home.

All interested in forming an athletic club and gymnasium are requested to meet at Ernest F. Shaw's this Monday evening at 7:30.

On Friday afternoon, April 7, at 2:30 o'clock, the Ladies' Aid of the Baptist society will meet in Cummings Hall. Sewing will be furnished. All come. At 6:30 a supper will be served, to which all are invited to contribute. A miscellaneous entertainment will be given in the evening. Admission 10 cents.

H. E. Hammond, Esq., returned from his trip to Boston last week.

Who ever saw the snow go and the mud dry up quicker than this year? The past week of nice weather has advanced things wonderfully.

Our respected townsman, George Clark, having taken unto himself a wife, is receiving the congratulations of his many friends. It is hoped that Mr. and Mrs. Clark will decide to make their home in this village.

Lovell.

Alice M. Allen of Cornish is visiting at C. K. Chapman's.

The logs are being driven on Kezar River.

Mrs. Lois McDaniels, widow of Dean McDaniels, died the 27th inst. The funeral was from her late home Wednesday, attended by Rev. C. H. Shank.

A number of lots of apples have been packed and shipped recently, but the price is very low.

Mrs. J. H. Walker and daughter Nellie have returned from a visit to Portland.

Brownfield.

Prof. Walter, who assisted Rev. Mr. Hoyt in a series of meetings some two weeks ago, has returned to this village after spending a week in Fryeburg. He is now giving lessons in vocal music in Bean's Hall.

The snow is leaving very fast. Sledding nearly gone.

There has been but a little maple syrup brought into the village yet.

Rev. Mr. Clough's sister, Mrs. Waldron, is spending a few weeks with him.

Dr. Wentworth, who has been feeble for quite a long time, is improving. He is now boarding at Mr. E. B. Bean's.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bradeen have a young daughter.

After a long and painful sickness Mr. Paris Rowe passed away this week, Monday. He leaves a wife, two sons, three sisters, three brothers, to mourn his loss.

Fryeburg.

James E. Webster, baker, Lowell, Mass., has gone into bankruptcy. He owes $1675.66, with assets nominally amounting to $125.

East Brownfield.

Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney and daughter Isabel have returned from Boston.

Mrs. Frank Marston and children are at Mr. Eben Rounds'.

Mrs. Fred Bradbury visited friends in Fryeburg last Thursday.

Several students of Fryeburg Academy are spending a short vacation at home here.

Newry.

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, who were very ill, are much better now.

Will Warren is suffering with boils on his neck. Dr. White is in attendance.

Fred Taylor's little son is very sick.

Stephen Goudet has moved his family from the farm into the "mill house" at Newry Corner, and will work in the mill.

Sam Frost has gone to Togus for the summer.

Mrs. Nellie Thompson will start for Montana next week where her husband is working.

The ice has gone out of the river and the drivers are busy starting the logs.

Mrs. W. F. Small is reported ill with rheumatism.

Dennis Kilgore is able to sit up part of the time.

The heavy rain of a week ago carried off the snow wonderfully.

North Paris.

Johnny Curtis, who has been visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Curtis, has returned home.

Mr. Ernest Mason and family have moved on to the farm he recently purchased.

A. D. Littlehale is through packing apples and at home.

Mrs. A. D. Littlehale saw a large flock of wild geese March 26.

Mr. Bessey was quite badly hurt at Mann's mill a few days ago, but is now able to be out.

Mrs. C. A. Abbott will be home this week as her daughter is now on the gain.

Leroy Abbott was at home from Hebron last week.

Arthur Abbott and wife were at his father's last week, and his wife remains until this week.

Dea. Dunham is still very poorly.

Mrs. Seth Benson is not gaining as fast as her friends had hoped.

Buckfield.

Mrs. Daniel Murch and Mrs. Vern Allen are ill, Mrs. O. E. Waite is poorly and many others are ailing.

Mae Chaffin is visiting at Norway.

Mrs. Merritt Parsons is visiting friends in Nashua.

Horace Murch is having his lumber placed for a new house. He prepared the foundation last fall.

C. N. Taylor from Wellesley, Mass., who has contracted to bring water from North Pond, is in town, presumably to sell stock.

Sheriff McIntire and Deputy Withington have been up the line. We hear they made a seizure at Rumford Falls.

I. W. Shaw and daughter Mildred have returned from their visit to friends in Boston.

We had an introduction to the brown tail moth in the office of City Marshal Goss of Auburn last week. Auburn pays 5 cents per nest, and Lewiston 2 cents.

W. A. Gerrish is quite ill.

Mrs. Thomas S. Bridgham is favorably reported. She has been a very sick woman.

Hebron.

Mr. A. M. Richardson spent Sunday in Portland.

Prof. J. F. Moody, of Edward Little High School, is spending his vacation here.

Miss Hazel Donham, who is teaching in the same school, is at home with her mother.

J. F. Moody, Jr., who is attending Bangor Law School, was here for a few days and will spend the remainder of his vacation in Boston.

Miss Agnes Bearce is teaching in North Auburn.

Miss Columbia Bumpus is at home from Auburn.

The Ladies' Circle gave a supper and fine entertainment Tuesday evening.

Snow in this vicinity is nearly gone.

Robins and other birds are plenty with their welcome songs.

Mrs. H. K. Stearns picked a bouquet of pansies which she carried to the Ladies' Circle Tuesday.

Spring is here and we are proud of our own ten fine chickens seven weeks old.

We hear that specimens of the brown tail moth have been found here.

Preston Merrill of Massachusetts was called here this week by the illness of his aunt, Miss Chesley.

Greenwood.

Hardly any sap weather to date. The snow has three-quarters liquefied and gone into the Atlantic Ocean. Flies, bugs and millers are in evidence, and yet as it will be March two days longer, should the weather be favorable, we may have a short run of sap before the season ends.

Willard Herrick, now about 80 years of age, and who was confined to the house the most of the winter by several diseases, has so far recovered as to be out and does a few light chores.

Fred Cole, also his brother Stillman, and Robert Morgan's wife are all on the sick list; but the sick ones are not all confined to this town or county. A letter from Mrs. Jennie Howe, recently, of West Minot, informed us that she was the only one in the family fit for duty. Mrs. Howe stated that her father, who has been in Washington with one of his daughters the past winter, intended to start for home on the 29th, and would probably arrive about the 4th of April. When her sister, Mrs. Andrews, wrote her letter she said they were then planting their garden.

Another letter from Sharon Robinson, better known as Slocum in the literary field, of East Sumner, writes us that he is still on the sick list, but at present is slowly convalescing. He says there is a large amount of sickness in that vicinity and the doctors are working hard.

Roscoe Bennett and wife, of Norway, came into the neighborhood two weeks ago to visit their relatives, and intended to return last Saturday, when the rainstorm came and they were obliged to extend their visit a while longer. Mr. Bennett cut his foot so severely nearly two months ago as still to be obliged to travel on crutches.

Floyd Morgan has hired out to John Swan of Bethel with a view to learning the carpenter's trade, and expects to commence work about the middle of April; so that the chest of tools he bought recently will soon come in play.

The drifts in the road were shoveled out yesterday, and our mail carrier went through with a wagon for the first time.

The different kinds of wood were nearly all marketed before the sledding failed up, but one man got left and will finish hauling on wheels.

Ransom Cole did not have to wait long for water, and is now probably sawing his long lumber. It requires only about one-half the water to run the new mill, compared with the old one, and every part of the machinery moves like clockwork.

Edward Pike of Woodstock was at the Bennett place yesterday on business, and was much interested in our yearling kid, which is gettting to be quite an animal, his hair reaching nearly to the ground and about as fine as silk.

Wilson's Mills.

School commenced March 20 taught by Lester Bean of Bethel. The going is such at present that but few of the scholars can attend.

At the hotel Tuesday morning they had 34 men to breakfast and 48 horses to feed. They had come over from the Kennebago region during the night.

About 70 horses passed through here coming out of the woods on Tuesday.

John Goodnow has hired for the season with E. S. Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Flint and Master Harold started for Newry Wednesday, where they will visit their son, F. P. Flint, and then go to Farmington.

East Hebron.

The snow is rapidly disappearing, bare ground is seen in various directions, and we hear no call for water of late.

There are many sick in this vicinity. Mrs. Cyrus Ramsdell is reported very sick with pneumonia. Dea. R. P. Fuller is very feeble. H. A. Record is doing his chores. The deacon's health has been failing through the winter, and was feeble a long time since.

Mr. Stillman P. Hersey of North Auburn has gained some the past week, and it is hoped he will be around again if he does not fully regain his health.

Eddie L. Record is passing the week with Mr. Conant in North Auburn—the home of his very early part of life.

On Saturday East Hebron Grange entertained Hebron Grange by invitation, and West Minot was invited but the storm prevented them from coming. The day was well enjoyed by all present, and the sick were finely treated to the nice food left them.

Mrs. Cassia Perkins is visiting her sister, Mrs. Georgia Gurney, of Sumner.

The traveling is so poor we find very little news to write.

East Waterford.

Born March 26, to the wife of Charles W. Gammon, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pride and daughter spent Sunday in Portland.

Miss Bertha Miller is quite ill with heart trouble and unable to return to her school in Sabatis, for the present at least.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney McAllister of Lovell are to have charge of the town farm the coming year.

Alton and Chauncey Ames are working in the Rolfe mill for a time.

Mrs. Otis Martin and her step-daughter, Mrs. Smith, moved to Norway Tuesday.

Mr. Pennock has moved his goods here.

North Albany.

Mrs. Carrie Penley and little son are at her father's, Roscoe Emery's.

Milford Brown and Ed Good are at work for I. S. Morrill in his mills at Bethel.

John Kimball is at work for John Hapgood of Bethel for a few days.

Mr. Otis Hayford of Hanover visited friends in town recently.

Ed Arsenault is helping Leslie Kimball for a few days.

Abner Kimball and a few others about here have tapped their trees and are making a supply of maple syrup.

There is some talk of a telephone line running through here. A meeting was held at the town house recently in connection with the enterprise.

Bethel.

The proprietors of the Parker House, Boston, are to take possession of Prospect Inn and Bethel is to be congratulated upon the opening of the hotel again.

Mr. Samuel Frost has gone to the Soldiers' Home in Togus to spend the summer.

Mr. T. J. Foster has been confined to his room for several days and has been suffering from dropsy for several months.

Miss Bessie Burns, who has been caring for Miss Alice Billings for the last three months, returns to Portland for a much needed rest. Miss Grace Howe is caring for Miss Billings.

Mrs. J. H. Barrows is still very ill at the hospital in Portland.

Mr. Eli Stearns has just sent away a car of apples.

Miss Hattie Johnson, formerly assistant in the academy, is spending a few weeks in Bethel to regain her health.

The students of Gould Academy held the first sociable of the term Thursday evening.

Friday the Ladies' Club served supper in the church dining room in a unique manner. A large bill of fare announced the price of the different foods and each one was served from a long table. A photographic social followed the supper.

The Oxford County W. C. T. U. convention will meet in Bethel probably the 16th and 17th of May.

Oxford.

Hollis M. Rich died at Mechanic Falls, March 23d, aged 60 years. Mr. Rich was a native and former resident, a son of the late Hezekiah Rich and a twin brother of Horace Rich of Oxford.

Mrs. Elmer Parrott of Portland is at Mr. Geo. Parrott's.

Miss Retha Glover has been engaged to preach to the Advent society for the coming year.

The ladies of the Congregationalist society held a chicken pie supper and sale of aprons, fancy articles, etc., at Temperance Hall, Friday evening, with a short literary and musical entertainment. There was a good attendance notwithstanding the unfavorable state of the weather and roads. Over one hundred supper tickets were sold and a good sum realized.

Mr. Wallace Andrews' mother, an aged lady, fell in her room bruising and laming herself badly, but receiving no serious injuries.

Rev. Mr. Newport performed the marriage ceremony for Mr. Ira Chase Hubbard and Miss Edith Elden Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Walker of South Poland, at the home of the bride's parents, March 23d.

Mr. Francis Holden passed his 91st birthday last week.

The high school opened on March 27, Mr. Ernest Pratt principal, Miss Lena Perkins assistant. These teachers have been engaged for the coming year.

Edward F. Richmond died Thursday morning, March 30, of heart failure.

Gilead.

We are glad to welcome spring. The robins are singing again.

The road agent is using the road machine on the snowdrifts to hasten good wheeling.

We hear the sick are fast improving. Some of them have got out again.

Mr. S. M. Wheeler left for his home in Gorham, N. H. Mrs. Wheeler and daughter returned by rail Tuesday.

The Mountain Rills Society will meet with Mrs. A. D. Wight Thursday afternoon, April 6th.

Logging teams are leaving the camps or woods. Between fifteen and twenty passed through this town to-day.

South Hiram.

Bert Smith is making a few repairs on his buildings.

Mr. and Mrs. Loring Libby of Charlestown, Mass., are calling on relatives and friends this week.

Frank Sargent is working for George Milliken.

A horse belonging to S. T. Spring caused a little excitement Tuesday morning by running away, damaging the wagon and upsetting a load of groceries.

E. F. Stanley commenced work in his saw mill Monday.

The many friends of James Monroe Libby were grieved to hear of his death, which occurred Thursday night, March 23d, at the residence of his mother, Mrs. Sally Libby. Wednesday, Mr. Libby made his usual daily visit to his mother, and on leaving passed out the back door through the stable where he was found some time later unconscious. A physician was called and pronounced it a shock. He lived until Thursday evening. He was born in Porter, March 4th, 1838. For a number of years he was engaged in the teaming business in Boston, but has for the last three years resided with his son, F. S. Libby, of this place. Mr. Libby was a man of high character and an earnest Christian. He leaves a host of warm friends and sincere mourners. The funeral services were held on Sunday at the Union church attended by Rev. Wm. Cotton.

West Sumner.

H. B. T. Chandler, Bowdoin 1908, is spending his vacation with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Chandler.

Mr. Leroy Bisbee of Auburn is visiting his father and mother.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. McLaughlin, who have been visiting relatives in Franklin County, returned home Wednesday, March 29.

Mrs. Cynthia Bisbee has returned from Woodstock where she spent the winter with Mrs. F. L. Wyman, and is now at work on her annual supply of Maybaskets.

Horace Farrar has moved into the house owned, and until recently occupied by Mr. H. O. Tuell. Mr. Tuell now lives with his son, J. A. Tuell.

Mr. C. E. Dunham has returned from Brattleboro, Vt., where he with Mrs. Dunham and Earl have been visiting relatives. He is boarding at Rodney Chandler's until the return of Mrs. Dunham.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Brown are now occupying their new home recently purchased of H. W. Dunham's sons.

The many friends of Mrs. Clinton Bates regret that she is suffering from a very severe illness. Her son, Dr. J. H. Bates of Rochester, N. H., has been here to visit her, and on Wednesday, March 29, removed her to his home where we hope she will regain health and strength.

East Sumner.

A. D. Park was in town on Tuesday. He officiated at Perley Ripley's auction sale.

D. R. Palmer and wife came over from South Paris last week and are stopping a while at the old farm.

The country roads are awful just now and the R. F. D. carriers are having a hard time to make their trips.

Mrs. Lavina Osgood has gone on a visit to a sister in Boston.

Mrs. Jennie (Stetson) Spaulding is visiting her parents. Her husband, Kirk Spaulding, is teaching in Hollis, Maine.

Sumner's special town meeting held on the 27th is declared by good authority to have been illegal. It was voted to build a new school house and raise $500 for that purpose.

We have received letters from "John" and "L. D."

Hartford.

Ralph Wyman, station agent, who was shot through the arm and robbed at Hartford, has returned home to Belgrade. Leon Irish is station agent at present.

Lewis W. Child went to Hebron Thursday.

Geo. Burgess was in town last week.

Those who are sick with the grippe are improving.

Percy Bartlett, who has been threatened with pneumonia, is a little better at this writing.

North Stoneham.

Mrs. John Adams and three children have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burnham McKeen, of Albany, the past week.

Willard C. Barker of Bridgton visited his sister, Mrs. Wm. Gammon, Saturday.

Albion McKeen of Albany has been staying a while with his uncle, H. B. McKeen.

John Adams met with quite a loss Friday. His sister, Mrs. Dill, took his team to go to East Stoneham. When near Lovell line the horse dropped dead. She appeared as well as ever when she started.

West Paris.

The Universalist parish meeting held Tuesday evening of last week was largely attended and twelve new members were added, showing much interest. Rev. F. E. Barton, who at present is considered pastor of the society, was present, and in the absence of the moderator, presided over the meeting. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Moderator—S. W. Dunham.
Clerk—John L. Marshall.
Treas—Mrs. H. R. Tuell.
Trustees—Lewis C. Bates, Lewis M. Mann, Fred E. Wheeler.

It is now the purpose and intention of the society to build a church the coming year. The trustees were appointed as building committee, and will begin arrangements in the near future. Miss Delia H. Lane, Miss Jennie M. Brown, and Miss Minnie E. Lane were elected as delegates to the Universalist state convention which will meet at South Paris in June.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Dunham went Monday of last week to visit relatives in Massachusetts and Vermont for a few weeks.

Mrs. James Lapham returned from the Lewiston hospital last week.

Wirt McKenney is at home from Norridgewock for a two weeks' vacation.

Miss Emma A. Swan was at home from Auburn over Sunday.

Acquaintances of Mr. Chauncey N. Childs will regret to learn that he has been through a very serious surgical operation and is now critically ill at his home. Mr. Childs was a former resident of this place and one of our upright young men.

Mr. J. C. Howe recently found in his orchard what he considered a nest of the brown tail moth. Our citizens should use every means to exterminate this pest.

Mrs. D. H. Fifield is quite ill with a severe attack of grippe, and Miss Lola Lane is also on the sick list.

Mrs. C. F. Barden's brother, Mr. Fred E. Dunham, of Rumford Falls, accompanied by wife and two children, returned home last Friday, after having visited nearly a week at Mr. Barden's.

Miss Julia G. Bates died at her home Tuesday of last week aged nearly 73 years. She had not been in the best of health for several weeks but had refused to take her bed. A day or two previous to her decease she was found unconscious where she had fallen upon the floor, and on Tuesday evening she passed away suddenly from heart failure and exhaustion. Miss Bates was the daughter of Jacob and Hannah Bates and was born in Sumner. Nearly fifty years ago she came to this place to live with her sister, the wife of Rev. Alexander Hill. She remained with them until after their death, then lived a while at the homestead. About eight years ago she built a little cottage on Main Street where she has since resided. This winter her brother, Frank Bates, and wife, have lived with her. Mr. Bates is in feeble health and they expect to remain there. Miss Bates was a worthy member of the Methodist church, and was highly esteemed in the community. The funeral service was held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the M. E. chapel. The neighbors and friends brought many of their choicest potted plants and the casket was covered with a profusion of hot house flowers. This in remembrance of her pleasant words and love for flowers. Rev. D. F. Nelson spoke fitting words for the occasion, two of her favorite hymns were sung, and an appropriate solo by Mrs. S. T. White.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Irish went last Saturday to Buckfield for a few days' visit.

East Bethel.

No crossing the river.
Neither wheeling nor sleighing.

Prof. W. S. Wight and daughter Marie visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Clark and two sons from Saco are spending a few weeks' vacation here.

Judge G. F. Rich and son from Berlin recently visited here.

Mrs. Irving Kimball has returned home to Boston. She was accompanied by her brother, Will Holt.

Miss Amy Bartlett, class '05, Gorham Normal School, has been spending a few days' vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bartlett.

Denmark.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Gray have been in Portland for a few days.

Mr. Harold Perkins has been spending a few days in Portland.

Mr. Irving Ingalls is the champion wood sawyer in this section, having sawed nine cords of large cleft wood two cuts in 27 1-2 hours, the last two cords were cut in 4 1-2 hours, with a buck saw. (Next.)

Mr. Foster T. Pingree is reported as being comfortable.

The snow is fast disappearing in this section and wheels are being used.

Mrs. C. K. Belcher is in Portland for a few days.

Cushman Letter.

HEBRON, March 29, 1905.

I had a very pleasant call from my old friend, Mr. Jerome Irish of Portland, the other day. I hardly knew him at first, not having seen him for nine years, but after he nearly shook me off my pins, it came to me who it was. He said he had come some ways out of his way on purpose to see me and to hear me tell some of my old lies. He complimented me on my personal appearance and said he thought I retained my mental faculties to a remarkable extent. He thought I could tell about as big a lie as I could forty years ago. He wanted me to come and see him next summer and we would set apart a day and swap lies.

A good joker never laughs at his own jokes.

Any fool can tell a second hand story, but it takes quite a genius to tell it so it will sound good.

You might as well shun the man who laughs when he is mad.

Some folks say that charity begins at home. I think such people calculate to keep it there.

I would rather get cheated by a whole souled rascal than try to get a square deal out of a small souled church member.

In a well regulated quarrel never lose your head. If anybody gets rattled let it be the other fellow. In this way you will make at least four points in the game.

W. C.

Stipend for Agricultural Societies.

The agricultural societies in Oxford County will receive stipends from the state this year as follows:

Oxford County Agricultural Society,	$758.00
West Oxford Agricultural Society,	296.53
Oxford North Agricultural Society,	77.09
Androscoggin Valley Agricultural Society,	166.55
Riverside Park Association,	300.58

BEST COUGH MEDICINE FOR CHILDREN.

When you buy a cough medicine for small children you want one in which you can place implicit confidence. You want one that not only relieves but cures. You want one that is unquestionably harmless. You want one that is pleasant to take. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy meets all of these conditions. There is nothing so good for the coughs and colds incident to childhood. It is also a certain preventive and cure for croup, and there is no danger whatever from whooping cough when it is given. It has been used in many epidemics of that disease with perfect success. For sale by Shurtleff & Co., South Paris; Jones Drug Store, Oxford; Noyes Drug Store, Norway.

Vinal Allen of Thomaston, a helpless paralytic, attempted suicide Monday by cutting his throat with a razor. While the wounds are severe, it is expected that he will recover. Allen, who is 55 years old, took poison several months ago.

NOTHING EQUAL TO CHAMBERLAIN'S COLIC, CHOLERA AND DIARRHŒA REMEDY FOR BOWEL COMPLAINTS IN CHILDREN.

"We have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy in our family for years," says Mrs. J. B. Cooke, of Nederlands, Texas. "We have given it to all of our children. We have used other medicines for the same purpose, but never found anything to equal Chamberlain's. If you will use it as directed it will always cure." For sale by Shurtleff & Co., South Paris; Jones Drug Store, Oxford; Noyes Drug Store, Norway.

A Review of Our Town Meetings.

Editor Democrat:

In looking over the business transacted at our recent town meetings, as reported in the Democrat, I wish to make a few comments which may be of general interest to the voters of Paris. (By the way, can any one tell why Paris is spelled with one r instead of two? Was it not named after an early settler of the name of Parris, which is the way the present family of Parris spell their name?)

One of the best things said at our annual town meeting was the remark by Capt. H. N. Bolster, that there should be no sectional feeling or jealousy between different portions of the town, but that we should all work together for the best interests of the whole town, North and South, East and West. This statement should appeal sensibly to all good citizens of the town. We think the general desire of the town this year has been to cut down appropriations and lessen the percentage of taxation, and also to pay the debt as rapidly as possible; a wise and just sentiment, which is a credit to all. Debts when contracted have later to be paid, perhaps after hundreds of dollars have been expended in interest, and taxes should of course be made as light as possible, for we have many poor people who have a hard struggle to live and pay their bills, many having large families to provide for.

The remarks made by H. G. Brown, Esq., March 6, were telling and to the point on this subject. Appropriations have been cut this year, perhaps, too much; this remains to be seen, but it is a move in the right direction, and we are glad to have the good town of Paris set an example in this respect, which we hope all towns will follow. The tendency of the times has been to extravagance in municipal, state and national finances, and it is well to call a halt and go slower.

The most opposition came on the matter of cutting down school appropriations as there seems to be a mistaken—as we claim it to be—sentiment against economy in anything which concerns schools and scholars. Many seem to think that we must give our children all the advantages possible in the way of schooling, and the cry seems to be, don't cut down our schools. Now I wish the children to have all the schooling which will be of benefit to them and no more. I doubt the wisdom of sending children to school more than 20 to 24 weeks in a year, to sit on hard benches in musty, dusty school rooms. If more schooling is a benefit to them mentally, we doubt very much its being so physically, and most of all we want our children to have strong bodies which are very essential to strong minds and success in life.

We want our scholars to be instructed in the practical duties and labor of life which they get upon our farms and in our homes, as well as in mere book learning. The professions seem to be crowded, and we surely need good farmers and farmers' wives as much as we need ministers, lawyers, doctors or teachers. The farmer feeds the world, and to-day the successful farmer is looked upon as an honorable member of society, and so no one need be ashamed of being engaged in farming; they should be proud to be so engaged. Neither do we want to make it so easy for our children as to make them unfit for the cares and duties of life. First of all we wish to make them energetic, good citizens, bearing their part in the battles of life.

We understand, of course, that it is easier for the superintendent of schools to pay common school bills with $4000 than with $3000 but let us practice economy a while until we get out of debt. We also underetand that it would give 30 weeks instead of 22 of schooling, but that is all any scholar got twenty-five years ago, and we think it is enough, at least, we will try it for one year.

In regard to buying a town farm I cannot help thinking that a mistake was made in voting to buy, as we now have only two paupers kept at the town farm, and to buy a farm and hire a man and his wife, perhaps with children, to run it and care for two people, doesn't look like economy in that line. It is true there are liable to be more paupers. Perhaps if we had a farm it might be well to put some of those who are supported off the farm upon it, but we doubt the wisdom of running a farm anyway, as we can see by figuring up the expense of the farm last year it takes a good deal to run it. I think a much wiser plan would have been to try the experiment of running the town without a farm for a year or two, and see how it would work. If it proved a failure we could vote to buy a farm at any time. Nothing would have been lost by postponing the purchase. The balance against the town farm last year, $647.52, would have paid for boarding out the three paupers kept on the farm last year. We believe in reducing our town debt as rapidly as possible, and the insurance on the town's house, $1200, together with what will be received for the sale of the farm, some $3000 in all, if applied on the debt would have decreased it so much and saved $120 in interest per year. We can't help thinking a bad mistake was made in voting to buy. No doubt it is well to sell the old farm rather than build upon it, but the money should have been paid on the town debt.

In closing I wish to speak a word of praise for our able superintendent of schools, Alton C. Wheeler, Esq. He is one of the best, if not the very best superintendent we have ever had, in our opinion, and almost universally liked; also for George H. Bean, a good fighter in town matters and an advocate of economy and fair play. We need more such citizens.

E. E. FIELD.

LAST HOPE VANISHED.

When leading physicians said that W. M. Smithart, of Pekin, Ia., had incurable consumption, his last hope vanished; but Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, kept him out of his grave. He says: "This great specific completely cured me, and saved my life. Since then, I have used it for over ten years, and consider it a marvelous throat and lung cure." Strictly scientific cure for Coughs, Sore Throats or Colds; sure preventive of pneumonia. Guaranteed, 50c. and $1.00 bottles at F. A. Shurtleff & Co.'s, South Paris, West Paris. Trial bottle free.

Representative J. Putnam Stevens, who has had charge of the arrangements for the visit of a delegation of the Maine Legislature to the Massachusetts Legislature, has completed plans for the visit to take place about April 7. The Maine men in the Massachusetts Legislature visited the Maine Legislature during the past session.

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SOUTH PARIS.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Commencing December 4, 1904,

TRAINS LEAVE SOUTH PARIS

Going down(east)—5:36 A. M., (daily, Sundays included). 9:44 A. M., 4:04 P. M. Sunday only, 6:00 P. M.

Going up (west)—10:07 A. M., 3:25 P. M., 8:47 P. M., (daily, Sundays included). Sunday only, 9:22 A. M.

SOUTH PARIS POST OFFICE.

Office Hours: 7:30 A. M. to 7:30 P. M.

CHURCHES.

First Congregational Church. Preaching services, 10:45 A. M. and 7:00 P. M.; Sunday School 12 M.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:00 P. M.; Church prayer meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:00 o'clock. All, not otherwise connected, are cordially invited.

Methodist Church, Rev H. A. Clifford, Pastor. On Sunday, morning prayer meeting 9:30 A. M.; preaching service 10:45 A. M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; Epworth League Meeting 6 15 P. M.; evening prayer meeting 7:00 P. M.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening; class meeting, Friday evening.

Baptist Church. Rev. J. Wallace Chesbro, Pastor. On Sunday, preaching service 10:45 A. M., Sabbath School 12 M.; Y. P. S. C. E., 6:25 P. M.; Prayer meeting 7 P. M.; Tuesday evening prayer service at 7:00. Seats free. All are welcome.

Universalist Church, Rev. J. H. Little, Pastor Preaching service every Sunday at 10:45 A. M. Sunday School at 12 M. Evening service, 7 P. M.

STATED MEETINGS.

S. & A. M.—Paris Lodge, No. 94. Regular meeting Tuesday evening on or before full moon.

I. O. O. F.—Mount Mica Lodge, regular meetings, Thursday evenings of each week.—Aurora Encampment, first and third Monday evenings of each month.

D. of R.—Mount Pleasant Rebekah Lodge, No. 30, meets second and fourth Fridays of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall.

G. A. R.—W. K. Kimball Post, No. 148, meets first and third Saturday evenings of each month, in G. A. R. Hall.

Wm. K. Kimball Relief Corps meets first and third Saturday evenings of each month, in Relief Corps Hall.

P. of H.—Paris Grange, from May 1 to Oct. 1, meets first and third Saturday; during the remainder of the year, meets every Saturday, in Grange Hall.

U. O. G. C.—Second and fourth Mondays of each month.

N. E. O. P.—Stony Brook Lodge, No. 181, meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month.

K. of P.—Hamlin Lodge, No. 31, meets every Friday evening at Pythian Hall.

Modern Woodmen of America.—South Paris Camp, No. 10367, meets second and fourth Tuesday evenings in Golden Cross Hall.

Royal Arcanum.—Parris Council, No. 1621, meets first and third Monday evenings at 7 30.

Miss Lucelia Crockett, who is teaching in Maynard, Mass., is at home for a week's vacation.

Wm. B. Edwards, who has been confined to the house with a rheumatic trouble for two months, is out again.

The national game is getting into gear for the season, and present indications are that it will rage more fiercely than ever this year.

Charles H. Thayer has bought the George F. Chesley house on Park Street, in one rent of which he has been living for some time.

H. W. Dennison and family have moved from their house on Park Street to make their home with Mrs. Dennison's father, W. B. Stuart, on Western Avenue.

Special theatre train South Paris to Lewiston, Wednesday evening, April 12th, to "Isle of Spice." Order your seats of F. A. Shurtleff & Co., by 3 P. M., Friday, April 7th. See posters and dodgers.

Seven tables at whist were entertained by Miss Grace Thayer and Miss Carrie Hall at Miss Thayer's Thursday evening, and a delightful time was enjoyed. The refreshments were lemonade and fancy crackers, and bon-bons.

Next week the Democrat will publish the first installment of a new serial entitled "The Wings of the Morning," by Louis Tracy. It is a thrilling tale of adventure and love on a Pacific island, and will keep you interested if you once begin it.

Remark from the Biddeford Journal: "South Paris has a Fan-Tan club. This may do for Oxford County, for we are assured that it is composed of young women, but in Cumberland and possibly York it would be regarded as an object of suspicion by the police."

Mrs. Remember Snell, who died at the home of her son-in-law, S. M. Durgin, on Elm Hill, March 25th, was 85 years of age. She was the daughter of Calvin Whitman and sister of the late John Whitman, and was the last of the family. Interment will be at Turner.

A meeting of the Paris Public Library Association has been called for next Saturday evening, to see if the association will vote to make the use of the library free to residents within the village corporation limits, provided the corporation makes an appropriation for the benefit of the library.

The county commissioners at their session here last Tuesday made an appropriation of seventy-five dollars toward replacing the bell in the Methodist church, which is used for a court bell. A subscription paper has also been circulated among the citizens, and the sum now pledged is not much short of what will be required to replace the bell with a new one.

One of the evidences of the coming of spring was the appearance of the Rube Band, which paraded the streets Thursday afternoon. This new feature in the musical world is made up of divers and sundry young men and boys of the town; also of certain cornets, clarionets, drums and other instruments; also of overalls for costume and paper banners for advertising purposes. It is said that at the sound of the martial music even the halt and lame braced up and stepped in time to the beat of the drum, that Mel Cummings stopped sawing wood for three minutes, and that three crows, which were approaching the village from the southeast, wheeled about and made back over their course, and when they went out of sight were still flying.

The all-consuming hole in the water pipes, which was making the principal part of the drain on Pennesseewassee Lake by way of the Norway Water Co.'s reservoir, was discovered in this village last Monday. It was a break in the six-inch main, not far from the house of John Bennett on Nichols Street. The reason it had not been discovered earlier was that the water from it ran under the culvert and into the stream which drains the bog south of Nichols Street, so that for some indefinite period it had escaped notice. How large a volume of water was running to waste can not be told, but it was more than the reserve capacity of the pumps. Since the break was repaired there has been no difficulty in maintaining the pressure, in spite of several other small breaks, and it is not necessary now to shut the pressure off during any part of the day.

On and after April 20th all charges for electric current furnished for either light or power by the Norway and Paris Street Railway will be made on a meter basis. Notice to that effect has been sent to all their customers, accompanied by a schedule of prices. All flat rates will be abolished, and each customer put on a meter. The maximum rate is 15 cents per thousand watts, with a minimum monthly charge of 50 cents. Monthly bills amounting to $10.00 per month or more are subject to discount on a sliding scale, running from 5 per cent to 50 per cent—the latter rate applying only to bills which amount to $150.00 per month. For motor power the price runs from 10 cents to 3 cents per thousand watts, according to the amount used. All bills are payable at the company's office, and will be discounted 5 per cent if paid before the 10th of the month following date of bill.

People have noticed on some of the elm trees in the village rolled-up leaves of last year's growth which suggested the brown-tail moth. No one here is quite sure of identifying a brown-tail moth nest, but examination of a number of these leaves from one tree shows that they contain nothing that is alive or likely to come to life. They were evidently last season the home of some sort of insect, but there is in them now nothing but the dirt left by the former occupants. But G. H. Porter has picked from the elms in front of his house, and burned, a number of nests different from those described above, and which he believes to be those of the brown-tail moth. Every one should look his trees over carefully and inspect everything suspicious. It is possible to keep the pest away by prompt and energetic action, but if it once gets a hold there will be difficulty in making progress against it.

High school is open again.

The assessors are on the war path.

Stanley M. Wheeler is taking the school census.

Mrs. Fred Hall is visiting relatives in Portland for a week.

Arthur T. Royal is here from Worcester, Mass., for a few days.

Mrs. T. S. Barnes is confined to the house with a severely sprained ankle.

Miss Maud Carter is at home for a week from her teaching in Dorchester, Mass.

Hamlin Lodge, K. of P., will work the Rank of Page on three candidates at the next regular meeting.

There will be an adjourned parish meeting this Monday evening at 7:30 at the Universalist church.

Subject at the Universalist Y. P. C. U. meeting next Sunday evening, "Some homely Christian virtues," IV, "Thrift."

George A. Briggs is remodeling into a tenement his building on Western Avenue formerly occupied as a meat market.

Dr. J. G. Littlefield has purchased of Mrs. Briggs the building on Pine Street now used as a cooper shop, and will use it for a stable.

In our advertising columns this week the town gives warning to dog owners to get a hustle on, so to speak, and have their canines licensed.

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Clifford, the pulpit at the Methodist church was supplied on Sunday by A. B. McAllister of Norway.

Winslow Burbank attended the annual indoor meet of Bowdoin College, March 24. He was the guest of Charles Noyes Abbott of St. John, N. B.

Mrs. Barnes entertained the Seneca Club to supper last Monday. A delicious menu was enjoyed after which the regular club meeting was held. A most pleasant evening was passed.

James R. Tucker and family have moved from the house of Mrs. L. C. Morton, where they have been living for the past three months, into the house of C. Freeland Penley on High Street.

Preparations are being made for an old folks' concert to be held at the M. E. church on or about April 12th. Prof. Wight will assist and a good time is anticipated. Further notice next week.

The Congregational pulpit was supplied on Sunday by Rev. H. N. Pringle of Waterville, secretary of the Christian Civic League. He also addressed a well attended temperance meeting in the evening.

F. P. Burbank, P. G., and Carl Mason, P. C., of Mt. Mica Lodge and Aurora Encampment go to Gorham, N. H., this Monday morning to attend the funeral of P. C. P., Robert Penfold, who died April 1st, '05, at that place.

Alna Woodbury Cole of Crystal, N. H., visited his uncle, F. P. Burbank, a few days last week. Mr. Cole is a senior at Bridgton Academy. He won the Brown prize for essay last year and is the valedictorian in his class.

Mt. Mica Lodge, I. O. O. F., conferred the first degree on two candidates last Thursday evening. Norway Lodge are to visit Mt. Mica Lodge next Thursday evening, and their degree team will confer the third degree on four candidates.

At its annual meeting last Saturday the People's Water Company elected the following officers:

President—J. Hastings Bean.
Vice President—Edgar T. Record.
Sec. and Treas.—George M. Atwood.
Superintendent—Winslow B. Young.
Collector—John W. Cute.
Directors—J. Hastings Bean, Wm. B. Russell, W. B. Young, John W. Chute, J. Edward Murch.

Rev. and Mrs. Howard A. Clifford went to Monmouth Saturday to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Lucy Dunn Clifford. Mrs. Clifford died in Des Moines, Iowa, at the home of her daughter, Wednesday. She was nearly 80 years of age, and leaves six children, four daughters and two sons. The funeral is at Monmouth Monday afternoon.

Rarely do things dry out as they have for the past week. The warm weather of the early part of the week sent the snow and ice flying, until the ground is nearly all bare except in the woods. The gale of Saturday and Sunday capped the job, and dried out the surface until the dust flew in clouds. Streets are dry over a good part of the village, and bicycles have been out several days.

Sunday, April 9th, will be the 40th anniversary of Lee's surrender at Appomatox, and it seems very fitting that G. A. R. men should observe and celebrate this day. Wm. K. Kimball Post and Relief Corps will have a supper at G. A. R. Hall on Saturday evening, April 8th, after which an interesting entertainment will be furnished. A general invitation is extended to all to be present to both supper and entertainment. The usual price for supper.

Mrs. J. G. Littlefield entertained the Fan-Tans last Tuesday evening. A masquerade was the entertainment and it was very much enjoyed. Delicious refreshments were served and at a late hour the party broke up and returned to their homes having had one of the times of the season. If the Biddeford man could attend one of the Fan-Tan parties he would have the time of his life and would feel assured no sheriff was needed. "Fan-Tan, no man."

A well patronized food and candy sale was held by the Junior Christian Endeavor Society at the Congregational vestry Thursday afternoon, from 3 to 5. In the evening the entertainment entitled The Junior Garden was given. The affair was very successful throughout, and reflects much credit upon Mrs. Barnes, superintendent of the Juniors, who had general charge, and upon the Juniors themselves, who took hold with enthusiasm, and as the result of their work have some nineteen dollars with which to assist in the church work.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church held its annual meeting Wednesday afternoon. Reports of the president, secretary and treasurer were read showing an excellent year's work. A calling committee has been appointed each month by the president, Mrs. S. C. Ordway, with a record of two hundred and sixteen calls, made on the sick, shut-ins and strangers. Flowers have been sent to the sick. Letters written to the absent and two letter calendars. Five new members have been received. Owing to the illness of some of the members the election of officers was postponed for one month.

The next and last supper of the Universalist Good Cheer Society will be held Tuesday of this week, April 4, at Good Cheer Hall. Supper will be served at 6:30 after which will be given the laughable farce, "Murder Will Out," with the following cast:

Grandma Stiles, an old Yankee Woman, ... Mrs. Park.
Lena Stiles, her granddaughter, ... Mrs. King.
May Taylor and Minnie Sprague, Lena's friends, ... Mrs. Ripley, Mrs. Andrews.
Dinah, a colored cook, ... Mrs. Emeley.
Bridget O'Flaherty, looking for a situation, ... Mrs. Burbank

Good music, both vocal and instrumental, will be interspersed during the farce. A sociable will follow for which good music will be furnished. Prices as usual.

Infant's Body Found at Mexico.

The dead body of an infant was found at Mexico, Monday evening, March 27, just at dusk, in the woods above Granite Street. The discovery was made by some children who were playing there. The body was wrapped in cloths, and the condition of the wrappings was such that it is thought the body had been there only a short time.

As there is no coroner in that vicinity since the death of Fred A. Porter, Coroner Albert P. Basset was summoned from Norway to hold an inquest. Owing to the absence of certain parties whose testimony was desired, the inquest was adjourned until April 12th.

James E. Dunning, for some time the managing editor of the Portland Press and the Portland Advertiser, has been appointed United States consul at Milan, Italy. This means a distinct loss to Maine journalism, but will be of great advantage to Mr. Dunning in his literary work. He has already won an enviable position as a story writer.

Oxford Central Railroad.

ALL ABOARD FOR NORTH WATERFORD. THE OXFORD CENTRAL ELECTRIC ROAD TO BE BUILT THIS SUMMER. AGENT NOW HERE TO ARRANGE LAND DAMAGES.

Few people in Oxford County have forgotten the attempt made during the summer of 1897 to construct an electric railroad from Norway to North Waterford. All the preliminary work having been completed, and the road bed nearly graded, the Italians who had done the grading struck for their pay and seized some of the men in charge of the work, attempting to hold them as hostages until the money was produced, which led to an exciting scene near Rice's Junction in Waterford, locally called the "Italian War," in which several Oxford County officers exchanged shots with the sons of Sunny Italy and succeeded in rescuing the imprisoned men. The enraged troop of Italians who camped on Waterford and Norway and were finally shipped to Boston without pay, will not soon be forgotten by the people of this section.

It was amply demonstrated at that time that the people of Norway, Waterford and Stoneham wanted this road built and were willing to make sacrifices to bring it about. They were bitterly disappointed at the result, but have never given up the hope of seeing the road an accomplished fact, and now that hope seems about to be realized.

Last year, Mr. Henry F. Royce of Willimantic, Conn., who was the largest stock-holder under the original incorporation, took the necessary legal steps to obtain possession of all right, title and interest in the franchise, etc., of the Oxford Central Electric Railroad, with a view to getting matters into form so that he or some one else could complete the road.

Mr. Royce has now given an option on his rights to a party of Boston capitalists who propose to construct and operate the road this summer, provided the land owners along the line will give the land damage.

William G. Rand, Esq., of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, arrived at Beal's Hotel, Norway, last week, where he will make headquarters until the matter of land damage is arranged, when, provided a satisfactory arrangement can be made, he expects to begin work on the road by May first and complete and put it in operation this coming summer.

The Hose Companies Organize.

Saturday evening was the time of the annual meeting of the hose companies and hook and ladder company comprising the South Paris fire department. The companies were easily filled and the organization promptly effected. A full list is given below:

HOSE COMPANY NO 1.

Foreman—E M Dunham.
Assistant Foreman—George F. Eastman.
Clerk—I. E. Andrews.
Pipeman—J A. Record, Jr.
Assistant Pipeman—E H. Dorr.
J. D. Haynes, George H. Robertson, Lewis Holt, Arthur E Clark, William Culbert, Wm. A. Porter.

HOSE COMPANY NO 2.

Foreman—Myron W. Maxim.
Assistant Foreman—C. E. Edwards.
Clerk—Milton McAlister.
Pipeman—Roselo Edwards.
Assistant Pipeman—Charles Cutler.
F. L. Starbird, Jr., W. E. Weston, H. E. Thurlow, C. E. Campbell, George A. Abbott.

HOSE COMPANY NO. 3.

Foreman—A. W. Walker.
Assistant Foreman—E. O. Millett.
Clerk—W. A. Edwards.
Pipeman—W B. Strickland.
Assistant Pipeman—Vernal Edwards.
Lewis Monk, M. A. Millett, W. W. Ripley, P. M. Walker, Robert Tufts.

HOSE COMPANY NO. 4

Foreman—I. E. Murch.
Assistant Foreman—E. E. Cummings.
Clerk—Sanford Brown.
Pipeman—J E. Everett.
Assistant Pipeman—W. P. Marston.
H. N. Porter, Ernest P. Crockett, W. L. Bonney, James S. Record, Allie DeCoster.

HOSE COMPANY NO 5.

Foreman—Frank L. Starbird.
Assistant Foreman—C. H. Swan.
Clerk—R A. Wheeler.
Pipeman—W. C. Bessey.
Assistant Pipeman—F. E. Cushman.
G. I. Wheeler, Earl Bessey, F. L Dow, W. W. Jacobs, J. E. Thomas.

HOOK AND LADDER CO.

Foreman—Howard M. Shaw.
Assistant Foreman—Stanley Wheeler.
Clerk—Don. A. Bean.
Charles R. Newell, Albert Stevens, Nelson G. Elder, Frank A. Bonney, Harold C. Fletcher, Jarvis M. Doble.

Special Corporation Meeting.

A special meeting of the South Paris Village Corporation has been called on Tuesday, April 11, at 7:30 P. M. The objects named in the warrant are to provide for the care of the parks, a matter which was accidentally omitted at the annual meeting; to see what sum of money the corporation will raise for the benefit of Paris Public Library; and to see if the corporation will vote to accept the act passed by the legislature permitting the establishment of a system of municipal lighting. This act is in its general terms familiar to every one, and the full text of it was published in the last Democrat. Before it can become effective it must be accepted by a majority of the voters present at a meeting of voters called for the purpose. Such acceptance merely gives the act full legal effect, and does not bind the corporation to any definite action or expenditure in carrying out its provisions. Further objects of the meeting are to see if the corporation will vote to purchase 500 feet of new hose and raise money to pay for it, and "To see what action the corporation will take in relation to the adoption of by-laws to regulate the use of bicycles in the streets and on the sidewalks within the limits of the corporation; and also for establishing police regulations therein; or to revise and amend the present by-laws."

New Trial in Rovinsky Cases.

A rescript was last week handed down by the law court in the two cases of Joseph Rovinsky vs. the Northern Assurance Co. and same vs. Fire Insurance Co. of Philadelphia County. These two cases were tried together in October, 1903, and aroused much interest in those who heard the trial. The actions were brought to recover the insurance on personal property in a house occupied by Rovinsky at Rumford Falls, which was damaged by fire. The schedule furnished by Rovinsky in his proof of loss included over $2000 worth of property, including furs and other clothing to the amount of $973.00 hanging in the dining room closet which was against the chimney and in the centre of the fire. The defence was made on the ground of fraud on the part of the plaintiff. Hon. John P. Swasey was counsel for plaintiff, and Hon. Leslie C. Cornish of Augusta for defence.

Several days were occupied with the trial, and a verdict was returned for the plaintiff for the full amount of the policies, aggregating in the two cases $1579.50. This verdict is set aside and a new trial granted. The rescript, which is by Judge Whitehouse, is quite long, containing some 1500 words. Considerable of the testimony in behalf of the plaintiff's case is characterized as unreasonable, improbable and incredible.

Gift for the Maine Sanatorium.

The Maine Sanatorium at Hebron has had a windfall in the shape of a bequest of $15,000, the gift of a gentleman from out of the state, whose name is withheld at his request. The gift is made without conditions, and the same gentleman has offered to give the sanatorium an additional $10,000 as soon as a like sum can be raised. The trustees of the association are at liberty to use the entire sum for the purpose of putting up such buildings as are needed to accommodate a larger number of patients. The capacity of the present building is limited to 20 patients, and there has been a constant demand for many more patients than can at present be accommodated for treatment. A meeting of the trustees will soon be held to take action on the matter, and also to raise the additional $10,000.

Charles Rumley of Great Works met with a shocking accident in a paper mill Tuesday. His arm was caught in a belt which he was throwing on, and in full view of fellow employes the arm was torn completely off. The unfortunate man died on the train while on the way to a Bangor hospital. He leaves a wife and one child.

In a Pinch, use ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE. Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder. It cures Corns, Bunions, Painful, Smarting, Hot, Swollen feet. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c.

NORWAY.

Although the Myles Standish Rifle Team scored twelve points more than the Norway boys, the vanquished are in good spirits and will visit Portland again in the near future.

The second anniversary of the institution of Oxford Castle, No. 2, Knights of the Golden Eagle, was in order Tuesday evening at Norway Grange Hall. The ladies and invited guests with the sixty-three members made a large company. The supper was called at seven-thirty and was a most bountiful repast excellently served by the young ladies. The entertainment consisted of music and readings, and music by Stearns, Norseworthy and Young for the dancing in Ryerson Hall was excellent. About fifty couples appeared in the grand march. The members of Oxford Castle, No. 2, Knights of the Golden Eagle, did themselves proud. The evening was one of the best of the winter.

An official visit was made to Oxford Lodge, No. 18, F. and A. M., Wednesday evening, by D. D. G. M., F. R. Dyer, of Buckfield. Following the work in the E. A. degree there was a supper and social hour.

Mrs. L. M. Lunt left for Boston and New York this week for her spring goods. She will be gone ten days.

Mrs. J. F. Stearns is stopping with her son, A. J. Stearns, for a time.

James Pledge turned over the meat and market business to H. L. Russell April 1st. Mr. Bennett will remain in the store as clerk.

Major H. F. Ames of Lewiston installed the officers of A. O. Noyes Co. No. 12, U. R., K. of P., Wednesday evening. The officers are:

Capt.—Merton L. Kimball.
Lieut—Wallace W. Sheen.
Herald—Fred F. Swan.
Recorder—Albert L. Sanborn.
Treasurer—Thos. Thibodeau.

David Thurston and sister of Otisfield have taken rooms at the Mills farm. Mr. Thurston will work by the day in the neighborhood.

Since the break in the six-inch main at South Paris was discovered and repaired the Norway Water Co. find no difficulty in keeping the water supply good.

Peter Buck, Whitman Street, who has been suffering with pneumonia, is much better. Mr. Buck is a very old man, now in his 85th year.

Rev. J. E. Budden suffered a slight shock Tuesday evening. He is improving.

Pennesseewassee Lodge, No. 18, K. of P., have an invitation from New Auburn Lodge, No. 51, to visit that lodge the middle of April and work the Knight degree. The invitation will probably be accepted.

The gentlemen of the M. E. church will give a supper and entertainment at G. A. R. Hall Tuesday evening. A first-class supper and entertainment will be in order and the attendance is expected to be large.

C. B. Cummings & Sons have engaged H. Barron, an experienced cook, to go to Bemis and do the cooking in their boarding house.

May E. Chaffin of Buckfield is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Clara A. Hayden, on Pleasant Street.

Philip F. Stone has accepted a position at E. S. Paul & Co.'s store, Lewiston, and will go there in a few days.

Charles A. Hemmingway has closed his labors at the power station and will engage in his trade of blacksmith.

Mrs. Geo. I. Cummings is entertaining her sister-in-law, Mrs. Stuart, for a time.

Alice I. Frost, one of the candidates in the Boston Herald teachers' contest, is a Norway lady. All Norway people therefore save their votes for her and hand them to her sister, Eda Frost, at Prince Sisters' store on Main Street.

L. I. Gibert will open a meat market at the Locke Store on Main Street.

John Rhodes is repairing his Tucker Street house.

The attorney for the Grand Trunk Railway was in town recently looking into the condition of the passengers in the late branch accident.

V. W. Hills, optician, has enlarged and refurnished his optical department. His rapidly increasing business demands the latest and best facilities.

W. S. Sloan is at work for Alphonso Charles at North Waterford.

John W. Foley, of Togus Soldiers' Home, is here on a three-months' furlough. John is pleased to be at home again.

Chester Holden was operated upon Saturday, by a Lewiston physician, for the removal of pus from the lungs, with marked success. Mr. Holden has been dangerously sick with typhoid pneumonia for some weeks.

C. B. Cummings & Sons have commenced sawing pine at the upper mill. They will run day and night.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole have moved from Westbrook to Fair Street in this village. Mr. Cole has taken possession of his new business, the Cole jewelry store, near the post office. This business was conducted by Mr. Cole's brother Horace for years and is an excellent investment.

Dr. F. A. Hayden has returned from a visit with his brother in Haverhill, Mass.

Moses P. Stiles moved into his new home on Cottage Street, the Geo. L. Beal homestead, this week. The Hawkins place, corner Main and Danforth Streets, has been thoroughly repaired and leased to Station Agent Chandler.

No Clue to Wyman's Assailant.

There is as yet absolutely no clue to the identity of the person who shot Ralph B. Wyman, the station agent, in the Portland and Rumford Falls station at Hartford, on the evening of Sunday, March 26.

Young Wyman went to the home of his parents in Belgrade the morning after the shooting, and Sheriff McIntire went to Belgrade the next day to interview him, but learned nothing of value in the search. Wyman is unable to give any description whatever of the assailant, who fired from the darkness of the waiting room, Wyman immediately becoming unconscious and remaining so for several minutes. The bullet, which was of 32-calibre and was afterwards found in the binding of a book, went through the upper part of Wyman's left arm, and a slight deflection would have sent it through his heart.

Wyman had been in the Hartford station about four weeks, having previously worked for the Maine Central. He does not know of an enemy who would have any excuse for a murderous assault on him. Apparently the object was robbery, and the plunder obtained was five dollars and a watch fob, the railroad money being in Wyman's room at his boarding place. That a man whose object is robbery of a small sum at most should be so reckless as to start out with a shot likely to result in murder, is a feature of the case difficult to understand.

SCIATIC RHEUMATISM CURED.

"I have been subject to sciatic rheumatism for years," says E. H. Waldron, of Wilton Junction, Iowa. "My joints were stiff and gave me much pain and discomfort. My joints would crack when I straightened up. I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm and have been thoroughly cured. Have not had a pain or ache from the old trouble for many months. It is certainly a most wonderful liniment." For sale by Shurtleff & Co., South Paris; Jones Drug Store, Oxford; Noyes Drug Store, Norway.

SERIOUS STOMACH TROUBLE CURED.

I was troubled with a distress in my stomach, sour stomach and vomiting spells, and can truthfully say that Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cured me.—Mrs. T. V. Williams, Laingsburg, Mich. These tablets are guaranteed to cure every case of stomach trouble of this character. For sale by Shurtleff & Co., South Paris; Jones Drug Store, Oxford; Noyes Drug Store, Norway.

"I have used Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets with most satisfactory results," says Mrs. F. L. Phelps, Houston, Texas. For indigestion, biliousness and constipation these tablets are most excellent. Sold by Shurtleff & Co., South Paris; Noyes Drug Store, Norway; Jones Drug Store, Oxford.

Mothers! Mothers! Mothers!

How many children are at this season feverish and constipated, with bad stomach and headache. Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for children will always cure. If worms are present they will certainly remove them. At all druggists. 25 cts. Sample mailed FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

A Gardiner bride of 82 years has a fifth husband who confesses to being 35.

Born.

In Paris, Mar. 26, to the wife of George H. Bean, a daughter.

In East Waterford, Mar. 26, to the wife of Charles W. Gammon, a son.

In Rumford Falls, Mar. 28, to the wife of Dr. F. E Wheet, a daughter.

In Brownfield, Mar., to the wife of Byron Bradeen, a daughter.

In North Buckfield, Mar. 26, to the wife of Washington Heald, a daughter.

In North Lovell, Mar. 19, to the wife of Fred L. Harriman, a daughter, Edna Louise.

In West Sumner, Mar. 23, to the wife of Humbert Thomas, a daughter.

In Auburn, March, to the wife of Leroy S. Bisbee, formerly of West Sumner, a daughter.

In Kezar Falls, Mar. 16, to the wife of Herbert Stacy, a daughter, Nellie Hazen.

In Kezar Falls, Mar. 20, to the wife of W. M. Chellis, a daughter, Mary Evangeline.

In West Sumner, Mar. 26, to the wife of Daniel D. Small, a daughter.

Married.

In South Paris, Apr. 1, by Rev. Edwin W. Pierce, Mr. George Clark of Paris and Mrs. Clara Y. Gardiner of West Sumner.

In Rumford Falls, Mar. 22, by Rev. George A. Martin, Mr. Harry R. Crawford of Rumford Falls and Miss Edith Dewhurst of Fall River, Mass.

In Dixfield, Mar. 29, by Rev. T. H. Scammon, Mr. Frank M. Davis and Miss Sadie Rand, both of Dixfield.

In North Waterford, Mar. 22, by Rev. J. B. Howard, Mr. Walter Everett Canwell of Welchville and Miss Sadie Melissa Henley of North Waterford.

In Kezar Falls, Mar. 24, by Rev. H. A. Peare, Mr. Archibald McDaniel and Miss Nina Wadleigh, both of Kezar Falls.

In South Poland, Mar. 22, at the home of the bride, by Rev. Frederick Newport, Mr. Ira C. Hubbard of New Gloucester and Miss Edith E Walker of Poland.

In East Poland, Mar. 29, at the home of the bride, by Rev. Frederick Newport, Mr. Clarence S. Chalifer and Miss Mattie L. Davis, both of Poland.

Died.

In Paris, Mar. 25, Mrs. Remember Snell, aged 85 years.

In Oxford, Mar. 30, Edward F. Richmond.

In Mechanic Falls, Mar. 24, Hollis M. Rich, aged 60 years.

In South Hiram, Mar. 23, James Monroe Libby, aged 67 years.

In Brownfield, Mar. 20, Paris Rowe.

In West Paris, Mar. 28, Julia G. Bates, aged 72 years, 8 months, 10 days.

In Norway, Mar. 28, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cullinan, aged 3 days.

In Lovell, Mar. 27, Mrs. Lois, widow of Dean McDaniels.

Notice.

Prices of Ice for season of 1905 and until further notice.

FAMILY TRADE.

15	pounds	daily	per	month,	$ .75
20	"	"	"	"	1.00
25	"	"	"	"	1.25
30	"	"	"	"	1.50
35	"	"	"	"	1.75

ICE FOR ICE CREAM.

20 pounds 5c., 30 pounds 10c., 100 pounds 15c.

Shaved Ice per bushel 15c.

Shaved Ice per half bushel 10c.

WHOLESALE.

All customers taking 500 pounds and over at one dealing $1.50 per ton. Less than 500 pounds at one dealing $2.00 per ton. Farmers supplied at ice house as wanted at $1.50 per ton.

C. E. BENNETT,
Dealer in Ice,
SOUTH PARIS AND NORWAY.

Town of Paris.

TRANSPORTATION.

On April 6th, 1905, the Superintending School Committee of the town of Paris will consider bids for the transportation of pupils for the ensuing term or terms in the following districts, viz: Hall, Bolster, Snow's Falls, Whittemore, Stearns Hill districts, so called. All bids must be in writing, sealed, and presented to the undersigned before noon of April 6th 1905. Information as to routes may be had of the Superintendent of Schools.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
For the town of Paris.

Eggs for Hatching.

From pure White Wyandottes, Hawkins' strain direct. 50c. per setting. P. M. WYMAN, West Paris, Me

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Oxford:

The undersigned, Selectmen of Mason, duly authorized by a vote of the inhabitants of said town, at a meeting legally held for that purpose, respectfully represent that the county road, in said town of Mason, leading from near G. S. Westleigh's to Tyler town, so-called, be discontinued. We, therefore, request your Honors, after you have caused due notice to be given, to view said route and make such discontinuances as you may deem expedient and proper; and as in duty bound will ever pray.

Dated at Mason, this 13th day of March, 1905.

ERVIN HUTCHINSON,
A. G. LOVEJOY,
E. A. GROVER,
} Selectmen of Mason.

[SEAL]

STATE OF MAINE.

COUNTY OF OXFORD, SS:

Board of County Commissioners, December session, 1904; held by adjournment March 28, 1905

UPON the foregoing petition, satisfactory evidence having been received that the petitioners are responsible, and that inquiry into the merits of their application is expedient, IT IS ORDERED, that the County Commissioners meet at the house of Ervin Hutchinson of Mason, on Tuesday, June 6, 1905, next, at ten of the clock A. M., and thence proceed to view the route mentioned in said petition; immediately after which view, a hearing of the parties and their witnesses will be had at some convenient place in the vicinity, and such other measures taken in the premises as the Commissioners shall judge proper. And it is further ORDERED, that notice of the time, place and purpose of the Commissioners' meeting aforesaid be given to all persons and corporations interested, by causing attested copies of said petition and of this order thereon to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of Mason and also posted up in 3 public places in said town and published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat a newspaper printed at Paris in said County of Oxford, the first of said publications, and each of the other notices, to be made, served and posted, at least thirty days before said time of meeting, to the end that all persons and corporations may then and there appear and shew cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioners should not be granted.

ATTEST:—CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk.

A true copy of said Petition and Order of Court thereon.

ATTEST:—CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk

Bankrupt's Petition for Discharge.

In the matter of FRANCES L. PHELPS, Bankrupt. } *In Bankruptcy.*

To the HON. CLARENCE HALE, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine:

FRANCES L. PHELPS, of Rumford, in the County of Oxford, and State of Maine, in said District, respectfully represents that on the 12th day of November, last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the Acts of Congress relating to Bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said Acts and of the orders of Court touching his bankruptcy.

Wherefore he prays, That he may be decreed by the Court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said bankruptcy Acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.

Dated this 31st day of March, A. D. 1905.

FRANCES L. PHELPS, Bankrupt.

ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON.

DISTRICT OF MAINE, ss.

On this 1st day of April, A. D. 1905, on reading the foregoing petition, it is

Ordered by the Court, That a hearing be had upon the same on the 21st day of April, A. D. 1905, before said Court at Portland, in said District, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed in said District, and that all known creditors, and other persons in interest, may appear at the said time and place, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered by the Court, That the Clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residence as stated.

Witness the HON. CLARENCE HALE, Judge of the said Court, and the seal thereof, at Portland, in said District, on the 1st day of April, A. D. 1905.

[L. S.] JAMES E. HEWEY, Clerk.

A true copy of petition and order thereon.

Attest: JAMES E. HEWEY, Clerk.

NOTICE.

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine. In Bankruptcy.

In the matter of ASA E. BARTLETT, individually and as a member of the firm of Bartlett & Buzzell of Mexico, Bankrupt. } In Bankruptcy.

To the creditors of Asa E. Bartlett in the County of Oxford and district aforesaid:

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of April, A. D. 1905, the said Asa E. Bartlett was duly adjudicated bankrupt, individually and as a member of the firm of Bartlett & Buzzell, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the Court House, in South Paris, on the 19th day of April, A. D. 1905, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

South Paris, April 3d, 1905

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THE PUZZLER

No. 26.—Strange Beheadings.

Behead a musical instrument and have a musical instrument.

Behead "the outer edge" and have the outer edge.

Behead a comparatively small portion of land and have a large division of land.

Behead a violent disturbance of water and have a slight disturbance of water.

Behead rough or primitive and have rough or primitive.

Behead at a distance and have near by.

Behead to strike at with a sword and have to strike at with a whip.

No. 27.—A Charade.

My FIRST is a kind of seat;
My LAST your ills may cure.
Now take a glass and look within;
You'll see my WHOLE, I'm sure.

No. 28.—Diamond.

1. A fourth of fern. 2. A Spanish heroic poem. 3. A kind of meat. 4. Literature of the imagination. 5. A form of illness. 6. A long stick. 7. A fourth of fern.

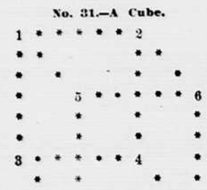
No. 29.—Girls' Names.

— is of cotton, firm and strong;
— winnows grain the whole day long
— calls to school and playtime shows;
— pity is for other's woes.
— is a certain game, we're told.
While — is to "tote" a load,
And —, saucy little chit,
Is reckoned as a sparkling wit.
— always speaks with solemn sound;
The close of day sees — around.

No. 30.—Enigma.

I am the name of a river in Europe and contain five letters. Take away my first two, and only one remains; take away one, and two remain.

No. 31.—A Cube.



1-2, the sky. 3-4, a city of Spain. 1-3, possessing. 2-4, vigor. 5-6, to stutter. 7-8, not as old. 5-7, the name of a great explorer. 6-8, one who saves another. 1-5, jumps on one foot. 2-6, to mix up. 3-7, a color. 4-8, not near.

No. 32.—Geographical Puzzle.

A town in Ohio and a town in England are represented in the cut.

No. 33.—Double Acrostic.

My primals spell the name of a famous author; my finals one of his works.

Crosswords (of equal length): 1. Strife. 2. Era. 3. Conducted. 4. A common game. 5. Period. 6. The first syllable of a vegetable sometimes used medicinally. 7. To transgress. 8. A little bed. 9. To lubricate. 10. A common article. 11. A small child.

No. 34.—Changed Initials.

Take a word meaning in or present and by prefixing different initial letters make an animal like a winged mouse, a domestic animal, a head covering, a texture of straw and a large cistern.

No. 35.—Just Little Imps.

An imp that would injure.
An imp that is rude.
An imp that is faulty.

Figure Gymnastics.

1 time 9 plus 2 equals 11.
12 times 9 plus 3 equals 111.
123 times 9 plus 4 equals 1111.
1234 times 9 plus 5 equals 11111.
12345 times 9 plus 6 equals 111111.
123456 times 9 plus 7 equals 1111111.
1234567 times 9 plus 8 equals 11111111.
12345678 times 9 plus 9 equals 111111111.
1 time 8 plus 1 equals 9.
12 times 8 plus 2 equals 96.
123 times 8 plus 3 equals 987.
1234 times 8 plus 4 equals 9876.
12345 times 8 plus 5 equals 98765.
123456 times 8 plus 6 equals 987654.
1234567 times 8 plus 7 equals 9876543.
12345678 times 8 plus 8 equals 98765432.
123456789 times 8 plus 9 equals 987654321.

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 18.—Metagram: Dear, year, near, fear, pear, tear, wear, bear, sear, gear.

No. 19.—Illustrated Numerical Enigma: Penny and penny laid up will be many.

No. 20.—Anagram: March winds.

No. 21.—Added Syllables: Viol, violet. Sock, socket. Bask, basket. Buck, bucket. Jack, jacket.

No. 22.—Geographical Acrostic: Primals—Florida. Finals—Alabama. Crosswords—1. Farina. 2. Level. 3. Opera. 4. Rhubarb. 5. Idea. 6. Dream. 7. Aurora.

No. 23.—Word Squares: I.—1. Opal. 2. Pare. 3. Area. 4. Leap. II.—1. Pole. 2. Oxen. 3. Lend. 4. Ends.

No. 24.—Rhyming Puzzle: Steak, drake, stake quake.

No. 25.—Decapitations: 1. Fl-e-nd. 2. Me-t-al. 3. Ro-m-an.

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HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN.

Correspondence on topics of interest to the lady is solicited. Address: Editor HOMEMAKERS COLUMN, Oxford Democrat, Paris, Maine.

Chocolate Recipes.

VIENNA CHOCOLATE.

Shave fine two squares of unsweetened chocolate; add one pint of hot water; when dissolved add one scant teacupful of brown sugar and one pint of milk; put this over the fire in a granite saucepan and stir frequently. Dissolve two heaping teaspoonfuls of cornstarch in one-half a cup of milk and add it slowly to the hot mixture. Let the whole boil up once and the cooking is done. Break one egg into a quart bowl and pour over it one-half of a cupful of hot water, (not boiling), and beat thoroughly with an egg beater. Place one-half of this in the chocolate pitcher, and pour the chocolate in slowly through a strainer. Add the remainder of the foam and serve. The liquid must not be boiling when mixed with the egg, or the egg will curdle. This recipe will make eight good-sized cupfuls.

CHOCOLATE BISCUITS.

Beat the yolks of four eggs, adding to them one tablespoonful of grated chocolate, two ounces of flour and four ounces of sugar. Beat thoroughly and then add the whites of the eggs beaten very stiff. Place on buttered paper on a flat pan, in small spoonfuls and bake in a quick oven.

CHOCOLATE RAMEKINS.

Cook together in a saucepan one tablespoonful of butter and two tablespoonfuls of flour and when blended add six tablespoonfuls of hot milk. Stir until thick and smooth, and then pour this upon the yolks of three eggs that have been beaten light with three tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar. Add five tablespoonfuls of grated chocolate and beat until cool. Fold in the beaten whites of two eggs and bake quickly in ramekin dishes set in a pan of boiling water. Serve at once with whipped cream heaped on top of each.

CHOCOLATE COOKIES.

Rub together one cupful of sugar and one-half cupful of butter slightly melted. Add one whole egg and one yolk, one cupful of chopped nuts, one cupful of raisins, stoned and floured, three-fourths of a cupful of sweet milk and two cupfuls of flour in which two teaspoonfuls of baking powder have been sifted. Melt two squares of unsweetened chocolate and put in last. Flavor with vanilla. Drop in small pieces on pan and bake in moderate oven.

COCOA CREAM.

Put into a granite saucepan one-quarter of a pound of cocoa, the same amount of fine sugar, the yolks of three eggs and one-half pint of cream. Stir over the fire until the mixture begins to thicken, being careful not to let it curdle. Strain and add another quarter of a pint of cream stiffly whipped and three-quarters of an ounce of gelatine which has been previously soaked in a little cold water. Mix well together, pour into a mold and stand in a cold place until set.

ENGLISH CHOCOLATE LAYER CAKE.

Beat one cupful of butter with two cupfuls of sugar to a cream; stir in the yolks (beaten) of five eggs one by one, and the whites of two, one cupful of milk and three and a half cupfuls of sifted flour in which a large teaspoonful of baking powder has been mixed. Butter three shallow tins and put one-third of the mixture in each and bake. The filling is made of one-half a cupful of sugar boiled with one tablespoonful of water to a syrup; whisk up the whites of the three eggs left over from the cake to a stiff froth and gradually add three tablespoonfuls of grated chocolate and a little essence of vanilla and the hot syrup. Spread two of the cakes with this; place them one on top of the other and ice the topmost with chocolate icing.

CHOCOLATE ICING.

Beat to a froth the white of one egg, adding gradually one teacupful of powdered sugar, which has been mixed with one-quarter of a pound of grated chocolate. Flavor with one teaspoonful of vanilla.

CHOCOLATE CUSTARD.

Scrape with a knife one ounce of chocolate and mix with it one cupful of powdered sugar; wet this with two spoonfuls of boiling milk, working it into a paste. Have ready one quart of boiled milk and stir the mixture into it, when it reaches the boiling point, and also add six well-beaten eggs; stir this for three minutes and then strain. Set the pan in cold water stirring occasionally until cold, then add two teaspoonfuls of vanilla and serve in glasses.

CHOCOLATE SOUFFLE.

Pour two cupfuls of scalded milk over one cupful of stale breadcrumbs and let them swell for half an hour. Melt one square of chocolate in a bowl over a boiling kettle of water, add half a cupful of sugar and scrape it into the soaked bread, beating well. Add a dash of salt, half a teaspoonful of vanilla and one egg slightly beaten. Turn this into a buttered dish and bake for three-quarters of an hour. Serve hot.

CHOCOLATE FEATHER CAKE.

Work to a cream one and a half cupfuls of sugar with half a cupful of butter; add three well-beaten eggs. Into a bowl put eight tablespoonfuls of grated chocolate, three tablespoonfuls of sugar and beat in three tablespoonfuls of boiling milk; add this to the cake mixture immediately, then add two cupfuls of flour in which has been sifted two heaping teaspoonfuls of baking powder.

ENGLISH CHOCOLATE TAFFY.

Three pounds of white sugar, one cupful of water, half a cupful of cider vinegar, a lump of butter the size of a large walnut and six tablespoonfuls of grated chocolate. Put all together in a granite kettle and boil without stirring until a little dropped in cold water is crisp. Pour on buttered dishes and when cold enough to handle, pull it as you do plain molasses candy.—McCall's.

Things to be Rembered.

Never slam the oven door, or jar any rising material while it is baking.

If it is desired to use gelatine, soak it in a cool place for an hour in cold water. This will prevent it having any odor and make it quickly dissolve in hot liquid.

All cooking utensils should be washed immediately after they are used with soda, which will remove the grease.

Iron saucepans may be cleaned outside by rubbing them over with sand.

Never put tins away wet, as they will rust.

Never pierce meats while cooking.

Never chop suet in a hot place.

Do not labor under the impression that articles cook faster when the water is boiling violently.

Green vegetables should be boiled in open saucepans, as the color is destroyed by great heat.

To prevent fish from falling apart in boiling, put a little vinegar into the water.—Ex.

For whooping cough, a syrup that the children like is made by slicing onions fine, sprinkling plentifully with brown sugar, then allowing the onion to stand between hot plates under a heavy weight until all the juice is extracted.

As a cure for insomnia the onion is excellent sliced raw and eaten just before retiring while as a blood purifier it surpasses most of the so-called "skin cures." To sweeten the breath, eat a little sugar after the onions. Coffee, or parsley moistened with vinegar, are also excellent for this purpose.

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The brown discoloration may be removed from baking dishes by rubbing them with a cloth dipped in moist salt or bath brick.

In the spring and summer modes the materials that will be favored are the fancy effects in mohair, crepe de chine, and a number of the novelties of the crepe family, linens and printed cottons.

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If your indigestion is bad the vital organs of your body are not fed and nourished as they should be. They grow weak and invite disease. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat, cures indigestion and all stomach troubles. You forget you have a stomach from the very day you begin taking it. This is because it gets a rest—recuperates and gradually grows so strong and healthy that it troubles you no more. E. L. Babcock, Amherst, Minn., says: "I have taken a great many remedies for indigestion but have found nothing equal to Kodol Dyspepsia Cure." Kodol digests what you eat, cures Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Sour Stomach, Belching, Heartburn and all Stomach Troubles. Its preparation is the result of many years of research. Sold by F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

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Giles—"My wife can drive nails like lightning."

Miles—"You don't mean it!"

Giles—"Sure I do. Lightning, you know, seldom strikes twice in the same place."

DREADFUL ATTACK OF WHOOPING COUGH.

Mrs. Ellen Harlison, of 300 Park Avenue, Kansas City, Mo., writes as follows: "Our two children had a severe attack of whooping cough, one of them in the paroxysm of coughing would often faint and bleed at the nose. We tried everything we heard of without getting relief. We then called in our family doctor who prescribed Foley's Honey and Tar. With the very first dose they began to improve and we feel that it has saved their lives." Refuse substitutes. F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

Mrs. Younglove—Be sure not to pass that cake on the sideboard to the guests this evening, won't you, dear? Mr. Younglove—Why not? Mrs. Younglove—Because I made a mistake and put in bluing instead of vanilla. It tastes queer, but isn't it a beautiful sky blue?

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"Indeed?" politely queried his friend.

"Yes. She can never remember in the morning where I left my pipe the night before."

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"Aren't you going to marry the photographer?"

"No. I'm very much afraid he drinks."

"Well, if you could see the babies that are brought to him to be photographed you wouldn't blame him."

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Robt. J. Miller, Proprietor of the Read House Drug Store of Chattanooga, Tenn., writes: "There is more merit in Foley's Honey and Tar than in any other cough syrup. The calls for it multiply wonderfully and we sell more of it than all other cough syrups combined." F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

"Are there any new improvements in the 'auto' line since I was here?" inquired the enthusiast.

"Yes," said the salesman, "one just came in this morning. It is a folding horse, to be carried under the seat and used in case of accident."

PNEUMONIA IS ROBBED OF ITS TERRORS

by Foley's Honey and Tar. It stops the racking cough and heals and strengthens the lungs. If taken in time it will prevent an attack of pneumonia. Refuse substitutes. F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

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An Animal Story For Little Folks

The Cunning Ape

One day the leopard met an ape on the road, and as he was feeling a bit hungry he decided to sit down and eat the little fellow.

"Very well," said the ape meekly. "I hope you will enjoy yourself, for I always liked you."

"Thank you," said the leopard.

"Yes," continued the ape, "you've been a good friend of mine, and I want you to allow me to do you a favor before you cut my throat."

"What is it?"

"I have in this cocoanut an immense sum of money," said the ape, "and I

"YOU'VE BEEN A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE."

want to make you a present of it. You will be rich and happy all the rest of your life."

"Thank you," said the leopard.

"And to be sure that it is all here," said the ape, "I want to break the cocoanut open."

"Of course," said the leopard.

"And as there are no stones about here I shall have to ask that you let me crack the cocoanut on your head," continued the ape.

"Very well," consented the leopard.

Then sly Mr. Ape took the cocoanut between his two hands and hauled off and cracked Mr. Leopard such a rattling good blow on the skull that the big fellow fell over on the ground as if dead.

And you may be sure that before he came to his senses Mr. Ape was many, many miles away.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Beware the Easy Shelter.

Years are but a fool's measure for youth, which is divine. They bring caution more often than wisdom and a certain belief in the unreality of joy. A man is quickly disillusioned, which commonly means that he has set up his own idea of what things should be by the side of what things are and sulks forever at the result. He then commits the folly of becoming old and prefers existence to life. He clambers into one or other of the many shelters that line the way, curls up within and smiles pityingly at the young of all ages pressing on to some end, no matter what, alive to the beauty of the sky and the clouds and the birds and the trees, alive even to the beauty to be seen in one another, breathing deeply of the air of strength, living and loving and beloved, until at last they are made one with nature. But the heart, like the liver, grows torpid without exercise; a gradual decay comes to the man in the shelter, a decay from which he is released, much against his will, by death. There are too many shelters.—Hugh de Selincourt.

Anne Boleyn In Spain.

After Henry VIII. divorced Catharine of Aragon, the favorite daughter of Ferdinand and Isabella, and married Anne Boleyn there was intense disgust thereat in Spain, and to show their abhorrence they for years carried around annually in procession a huge alligator (la tarasca, which strictly means a serpent), and out of the back of this animal sprang a female figure intended for Anne Boleyn. This figure they called the "Anavolena" ((Anne Boleyn, the "b" and "v" being almost interchangeable in Spanish). The idea, of course, was Protestantism, personified by Anne Boleyn, springing out of the foul beast of the slime. The tarasca is shown to the curious, with the Anavolena complete, in the hall of the Gigantes, which is approached from the gallery round the cloisters of the cathedral, the most interesting one in Spain.—Notes and Queries.

Got the Tea and the Lady.

Disraeli was in love with a widow, Mrs. Wyndham Lewis. One day, when he went to call, the lady, sitting by the window, saw him approaching and ordered the servant to say that she was not at home. When the maid reached the hall the statesman was hanging up his overcoat.

"Mrs. Lewis, sir, is not at home," said the flurried maid.

"I did not ask for Mrs. Lewis," was the calm, statesmanlike reply.

"But I don't know when she will be back," urged the maid.

"Neither do I," philosophically replied Disraeli, "but I am going to wait till she comes back, so please make me a cup of tea."

He did wait, he got his tea, and he married the widow.

Why the Table Knife Was Rounded.

Table knives until the seventeenth century always had sharply pointed blades, a natural survival from the days when a knife was at once a dagger, hunting knife and table knife and fork combined. The rounded end was introduced from France. It happened that Cardinal Richelieu was compelled to entertain at his table Chancellor Seguier, a man of rude manners, who at the close of the meal proceeded to use his knife as a toothpick. This so upset the cardinal that he ordered the end of every knife in his possession to be rounded, and so great was Richelieu's influence that the fashion was adopted all over the country.

The Man and the Place.

"This John Doe must be a turrible bad feller," mused Maw Hoptoad. "He's allus in trouble. I see he's been indicted again. I wonder where he lives when he's to home?"

"I expect he lives in Effigy," chuckled Paw Hoptoad, "the place where so many are hung."—Houston Chronicle.

Uplifted.

"Yer honor," protested the seedy prisoner, "dis is jist a case o' perlice persecution. Dey'se tryin' ter keep me down, yer honor. You ain't goin' ter let 'em keep me down, are yer?"

"Certainly not," replied the magistrate. "I'm going to send you up for ninety days."—Philadelphia Press.

Sure of One Thing.

"The life of an insurance agent," sighed Premyums, "is full of wormwood and gall."

"I hadn't noticed the wormwood," growled the victim.—Cleveland Leader.

Her Secret.

Mr. Jones—Mary, can a woman keep anything to herself? Mrs. Jones—Yes; her private opinion of her husband.—Chicago Journal.

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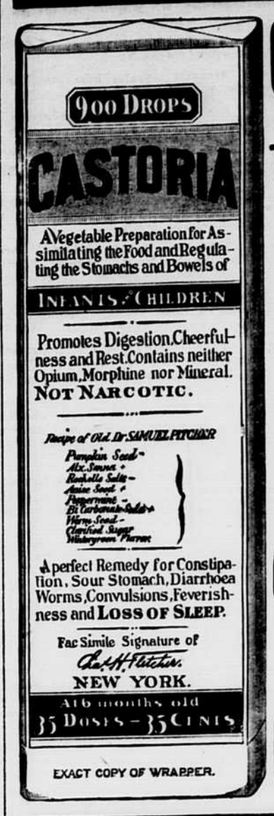
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